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General Baptist Convention.

EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY AT SACRAMENTO.

APRIL 10th to 12th, 1889.

OFFICERS OF CONVENTION.

President:

REV. J. H. REIDER.....Los Angeles.

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REV. J. E. HOPPER, D. D.....Sacramento.
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REV. G. S. BAILEY, D. D.
REV. E. R. BENNETT.
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REV. C. H. HOBART.
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W. R. STRONG.
REV. O. C. WHEELER, D. D., LL. D.

Officers of Board:

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Secretary.....REV. C. H. HOBART.

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REV. E. R. BENNETT.
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REV. C. H. HOBART.
REV. J. E. HOPPER.
G. A. HULL.
REV. O. C. WHEELER.

RULES RESPECTING APPROPRIATIONS.

RULE I. Each church receiving aid from the Convention must have a pastor, or the regular service of some minister, whose salary or compensation it holds itself responsible for, and promptly pays, according to the terms of agreement.

RULE II. Each church seeking aid must make a written request to the Executive Committee of the Board, containing definite information on the following points: The amount of aid desired; the number in the church, male and female; number of congregation; the amount of property in the church and in the congregation; the name of the pastor or minister, and amount of his salary or compensation, with the conditions and manner of its being raised and paid; and other things essential to a full and fair view of the condition and prospects of the church.

RULE III. Essential to a continuance of aid is a quarterly report to the Executive Committee of the Board, touching the following points: The general state of religious interests; the character of attendance on public worship and on the prayer-meetings; the number of additions to the church; the changes in the congregation; the amount of benevolent contributions; what missionary work has been done outside of the regular Sabbath congregations; and other things essential to a fair and full view of the condition of the church.

RULE IV. No appropriation will be made to a church for the payment of arrearages of pastor's salary or any other debts contracted previous to the application of said church for aid from the Convention.

RULE V. Every church receiving aid must show, as a condition of the same being continued, that it contributes, as it is able, to the treasury of the Convention.

RULE VI. Churches receiving aid are requested to adopt the envelope system of weekly collections for raising money to meet the expenses of worship.

All applications for assistance, and letters of inquiry, also reports from churches and missionaries, should be addressed to the Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Convention, Rev. C. H. Hobart, Oakland.

Remittances of money, and whatever relates to the finances of the Board, must be made to W. R. Strong, Treasurer, Sacramento, Cal.

Communications relating to Convention matters should be addressed to Benjamin C. Wright, 1703 Gough street, San Francisco, and those pertaining to statistics to Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., 1011 Mason street, San Francisco.

COPY OF

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF THE

General Baptist Convention of California.

Know all men by these presents; That the persons composing the religious society, heretofore known as the General Baptist Convention of California, have associated themselves as a corporate body, and have elected directors in accordance with the rules and regulations of said Convention and have adopted the following Articles of Incorporation, as provided by the Civil Code of the State of California, regulating the formation of corporations for purposes other than the pecuniary profit of their members.

ARTICLE I. The name of this Corporation shall be the *General Baptist Convention of California.*

ARTICLE II. The purpose for which it is framed is to conduct Domestic Missions in the State of California, in the interests of the Regular Baptist Denomination of Christians, and to promote the general interests of the Baptist Denomination in said State, and to acquire, hold, mortgage, sell, convey, transfer and dispose of property, real and personal, for said purposes.

ARTICLE III. The members of this incorporation shall consist of delegates from such Baptist Churches in the State of California, as shall contribute to its funds, and of life members. Each contributing church may annually elect three delegates, including the acting pastor, and if it have one hundred members, or over, may elect five delegates, including such pastor. Any member of a Baptist Church contributing twenty-five dollars ($25) either at one time or in annual payments of not less than five dollars ($5) may become a life member, with the privilege of voting as long as membership in good standing in any Baptist Church shall be maintained. These provisions as to membership shall be subject to future change or modification, from time to time, as may be prescribed by the constitution of the Convention.

ARTICLE IV. The principal place of business of this incorporation shall be at the City and County of San Francisco, at which place all business shall be transacted by the Directors during the interval between annual meetings; but the Board of Directors will transact business at each regular meeting of the Convention, wherever in the State of California such annual meeting shall be held.

ARTICLE V. The term for which this incorporation is to exist shall be fifty years.

ARTICLE VI. The number of its Directors shall be eleven, who shall be elected annually at the time and place of the regular annual meeting of the Convention. The names and places of residence of the Directors who are appointed for the first year are hereunto subscribed. The election of said Directors was held at the regular annual meeting of the Convention, in the city of Sacramento, California, on the twelfth day of April, A. D. 1889, and was held in accordance with the rules and regulations of said Convention. A majority of the members of said Convention were present and voted at said election, and the result thereof was the choice of the following persons to serve as Directors of this incorporation for one year from said date.

In witness whereof, the said Directors have hereunto affixed their names and places of residence.

Names of Directors.	Places of Residence:
O. C. WHEELER	Oakland, Cala.
H. E. MCCUNE	Dixon, "
CHAS. H. HOBART	Oakland, "
G. S. BAILEY	Pomona, "
E. R. BENNETT	Pomona, "
P. W. DORSEY	San Francisco, "
G. S. ABBOTT	Oakland, "
W. R. STRONG	Sacramento, "
J. E. HOPPER	Sacramento, "
H. L. GEAR	San Francisco, "
G. A. HULL	San Francisco, "

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
County of Sacramento. }

J. H. Reider, the President, and Benj. C. Wright, Secretary, being duly sworn, each for himself deposes and says that they were the officers conducting the election of Directors, and that the facts stated in said Articles of Incorporation above set forth, as to the time, place, manner of holding, and result of the election of Directors of said incorporation for the first year, are true; and that a majority of the members of said Convention were present and voted at said election.

J. H. REIDER,
BENJ. C. WRIGHT.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 12th day of April, 1889.

HIRAM W. JOHNSON, Notary Public.

COPY OF SEAL.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, } ss.
County of Sacramento, }

On this 12th day of April, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine, before me, Hiram W. Johnson, a Notary Public in and for said county, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared

O. C. WHEELER, H. E. MCCUNE, CHAS. H. HOBART, G. S. BAILEY, E. R. BENNETT, P. W. DORSEY, G. S. ABBOTT, W. R. STRONG and J. E. HOPPER, known to me to be the persons described in, whose names are subscribed to, and who executed the within instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office, in the County of Sacramento, the day and year in this certificate first above written. HIRAM W. JOHNSON,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]

COPY OF SEAL.

STATE OF CALIFORNIA, }
City and County of San Francisco, } ss.

On this 17th day of April, in the year One Thousand Eight Hundred and Eighty-nine, before me, George T. Knox, a Notary Public in and for said city and county, residing therein, duly commissioned and sworn, personally appeared H. L. GEAR and G. A. HULL, known to me to be the persons described in, whose names are subscribed to, and who executed the within instrument, and they acknowledged to me that they executed the same.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, at my office, in the City and County of San Francisco, the day and year in this certificate first above written. GEORGE T. KNOX,
Notary Public.

[SEAL.]

NOTICE OF FILING.

Endorsed: No. 11,003. Articles of Incorporation of the General Baptist Convention of California. Filed in the office of the County Clerk of the City and County of San Francisco, State of California, this 17th day of April, A. D. 1889. WM. A. DAVIES, County Clerk.
By JOHN H. HARNEY, Deputy Clerk.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. The name of this organization shall be the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Convention shall be to promote domestic missions in the State of California, under the direction of the regular Baptist denomination of Christians, and to promote the general interests of the Baptist denomination in said State, as further provided for in this Constitution.

ARTICLE III. The members of this Convention shall consist of delegates from such Baptist Churches, Associational and Auxiliary Societies in the State of California as shall contribute to its funds, and also life members. Each contributing Church may annually elect three delegates, including the acting pastor, and if it have one hundred members, or over, may elect five delegates, including such pastor. Any member of a Baptist Church contributing twenty-five dollars, either at one time or in annual payments of not less than five dollars, may become a life member, with the privilege of voting as long as membership in good standing in any Baptist Church shall be maintained. These provisions as to membership shall be subject to future change or modification from time to time as may be prescribed by the Convention.

ARTICLE IV. This Convention shall meet annually on Wednesday after the first Sunday in April, or at such other times as it may direct. Its President, however, shall have power, upon a written request of not less than seven members of the Board, to alter the time and place of the annual meeting.

ARTICLE V. The officers of this Convention shall be a President, two Vice-Presidents, a Recording Secretary, a Statistical Secretary, a Treasurer, and an Auditor. There shall likewise be eleven Directors elected annually.

ARTICLE VI. The directors shall meet immediately on the adjournment of the Convention, and appoint from their number an Executive Committee of five, who shall have charge of the missionary work of the Convention, appoint and commission all missionaries in Central and Northern California, and approiprate all money for the same; and a committee appointed by Associations in Southern California shall do the same work for that portion of the State, with a Treasurer appointed by the Southern Committee for that region. The Treasurer of the Convention shall be a member *ex officio* of the Executive Committee for Central and Northern California. A semi-annual meeting of the Board shall be held as it shall direct. It shall hold a meeting as early in the day as possible, preliminary to the anniversary, to listen to the report of the Executive Committee, and act thereon; a duplicate of which in writing, shall be presented to the Annual Meeting, and thereafter published in the minutes.

ARTICLE VII. The Executive Committee shall appoint committees at its first meeting following the anniversary session, from the ministry and laity of the State; of three members each, upon Home Missions, Foreign Missions, Publication Society, Sunday School and Educational work, whose duty it shall be to attend to the interests of each of these departments of denominational life in California, to awaken sentiment, to stimulate benevolence, to collect facts as the Executive Committee may require, and to present a careful report of their work at the annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. This Constitution may be altered or amended by a three-fourths vote of all delegates present, notice of such change having been given at the previous annual meeting, and published in the minutes. Such alteration and amendment may be made at any annual meeting on the unanimous recommendation of the Board and adoption by a three-fourths vote.

BY-LAWS.

I. An half-hour devotional meeting shall precede each evening and morning session.

II. After singing and prayer, the President shall appoint a Committee of Arrangements, a Committee on the Roll, and a Committee for the Nomination of Officers.

III. The letter or address of the entertaining church shall then be received.

IV. After the annual sermon or address, the annual collection for State work shall be taken.

V. Following a report from the Enrollment Committee, the report from the Committee on the Nomination of Officers shall be made, and the organization of the Convention effected.

VI. The annual report of the Board shall be read, and addresses pending its adoption shall be made.

VII. Further committees shall be appointed by the President:

First—On important subjects of the report.

Second—On the nomination of Directors.

Third—On place and appointment for next session.

Fourth—On obituaries.

VIII. The roll of delegates shall be called, if desired by any three of their number.

IX. Motions, if requested, shall be made in writing, and if lost shall not be published in the minutes, unless ordered by the Convention; if a member oppose the discussion of any motion or resolution, the President shall put the question: "Shall this question (or resolution) be discussed?" and the majority shall determine without debate.

X. All differences of opinion shall be treated with due consideration, patience and love. All personal reflection shall be avoided. Appeals from the decision of the Chair may be made, in which case the appeal shall be decided without debate.

XI. The Recording Secretary may appoint an assistant at his pleasure. He shall call all meetings, and keep an account of the doings of the Convention and of the Board of Managers.

XII. The Statistical Secretary shall prepare, as best he may, by correspondence with clerks of Churches and Associations, an itemized account of their religious and material prosperity, and tabulate the same, by Associations, in the minutes.

XIII. The Treasurer shall have charge of all the money of the Convention, and make disbursements on the order of the President and Secretary of the Board.

XIV. State work shall have special but not exclusive claims to consideration in this Convention. The reports, of not more than fifteen minutes in length, as a rule, of the special committees appointed by the Executive Committee, shall be followed by addresses and discussions. These reports and discussions being of immediate practical relation to denominational life and work, shall have preference to sermons in the programme of arrangements.

XV. These Committees on Sunday Schools, Education, Publication Society, Home and Foreign Missions are provisionally appointed a year in advance, that they may faithfully superintend the interests of their departments, and go up to the annual meeting with reports on the same for the consideration of all Baptists in the State.

XVI. Any Baptist Church in California or Nevada, holding the general faith and practice of the denomination, may become, by a vote of three-fourths of the delegates at any annual meeting, a member of this Convention —provided that if, before the motion is put, any two churches of the Convention, by their delegates, oppose such application, the same shall first be referred to an impartial committee, with instructions to report at the order of the Convention.

XVII. Before the adjournment of the Convention, provision shall be made for the publishing of the minutes, inclusive of the Church, Sunday School, Associational and Benevolent statistics of the denomination.

XVIII. These By-Laws may be altered or amended in the same manner as provided for in the Constitution.

PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

GENERAL BAPTIST CONVENTION.

SACRAMENTO, April 10, 1889.

The General Baptist Convention of California convened for its eighth anniversary at the First Baptist Church at 7:30 P. M.

Rev. Bunyan Spencer, President, called the Convention to order promptly at the hour named.

Rev. W. T. Jordan, of Dixon, read the Scriptures and Rev. Dr. Graves, of Canton, offered prayer.

President Spencer announced the usual Committees, as follows:

On Enrollment.—Rev. Chas. Button, E.R. Stockwell, E. F.Joy.

On Nomination of Officers.—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Rev. George B. Rieman.

Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., of the entertaining church, made the address of welcome, which was appropriately responded to by the President.

The Recording Secretary of the last Convention being absent, Rev. J. F. Moody was chosen Secretary pro tem.

Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., of the Committee on Convention Programme, read his report, which was adopted so far as it related to the order of business up to Thursday noon.

The Committee on Nominations submitted the following as the officers of the Convention: President, Rev. J. H. Reider, of Los Angeles; Vice Presidents, Rev. J. E. Hopper, D. D., of Sacramento, and H. E. McCune, of Dixon; Recording Secretary, Benj. C. Wright, of San Francisco; Statistical Secretary, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., of San Francisco; Treasurer, W. R. Strong,

Sacramento; Auditor, J. H. Stevens, of Oakland. Report adopted and Secretary instructed to cast the ballot of the Convention for the above gentlemen, who were thereupon declared to be the officers of the Convention.

The retiring President welcomed the newly-elected President, who thanked the Convention for the honor conferred.

The Recording Secretary appointed Rev. J. F. Moody, of Ukiah, as his assistant.

The report of the Executive Committee, owing to the absence of the Chairman, was read by Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, as follows:

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Brethren of the Board of the General Baptist Convention of California:

In presenting the report of the Executive Committee, at the close of another year, it is fitting that we should first make acknowledgment for the Divine blessings that have attended the labors of the denomination in California during the past year, which have given us unbroken harmony, unity in our efforts, increase in membership, and great prosperity in the churches.

The Executive Committee has held regular stated monthly meetings during the year, and all business has been transacted with prayerful consideration and with the utmost harmony.

Our connection with the American Baptist Home Missionary Society in New York has continued as heretofore—that Board having made an allotment of $3,000 for the work in this State for the year. Our thanks are due to this Board for their generous efforts in our behalf, and for the promptness with which the salaries of our missionaries have been paid.

The Committee would call attention to the very great embarrassment caused to the work by the lateness in the year at which the church offerings are forwarded to our Treasurer. Early contributions would enable the Executive Committee to lay out the work for the year much more effectively than they can now do. A day in September has been adopted for a "Harvest Home" Day for the Sunday Schools for California work; why should not the churches also bring in their offerings for this Home work at the time of ingathering of harvest fruits? No more fitting time can be found for asking the question, "What owest thou the Lord?"

The Convention, at its meeting in Fresno last year, referred to the Executive Committee the question of separate action in "mission work in the southern part of the State," "with authority to take such action as may be necessary in the premises, in accordance with the provisions of the Constitution of the Convention." The Committee very carefully considered the question, and found it difficult to harmonize such action with Article 7 of

the Constitution, which says that the Executive Committee "shall have charge of the missionary work of the Convention, appoint and commission all missionaries, and appropriate all money." However, after much deliberation, and in view of the deep conviction of the brethren from that part of the State that the work could be better advanced by such separate action, and in view, also, of the apparent intention of the Convention to comply with such desire, if practicable, the Committee, on the 6th of August, 1888, unanimously passed the following: "In view of the expressed desire of brethren of Southern California for separate missionary action, as, also, in view of the action of the Convention held at Fresno, May 9th-11th, 1888, in regard to this matter (copy of the minutes forwarded herewith), we recommend to the A. B. H. M. Society, in New York, that they allow the Missionary Committees of Los Angeles and of Santa Barbara Associations the right of appointing all missionaries within them, and a further and separate appropriation be made from New York for Missionary work in Southern California." This recommendation was concurred in by the Board at New York, except in the matter of "a further and separate appropriation." Subsequently the opinion of the Executive Committee was asked by the Board at New York as to what portion of the present allotment should be given to the separate fields. The Committee, after maturely considering the relative proportion of population, of Baptists, and of destitution in the two sections, concluded that two-thirds of the allowance of the New York Board ought to be given to the work in Northern and Central California, and so advised the New York Board. In accordance with this arrangement the work has since been prosecuted, this Committee confining its operations to Northern and Central California.

The Executive Committee would recommend to the Convention, if it is thought advisable that there should be separate action upon the part of the churches in Southern California, that Article 7 of the Constitution be so amended as to allow such action without any infringement of the letter of the Constitution.

The Executive Committee of last year presented a recommendation to the Convention at Fresno "That the Convention become incorporated;" but no action having been taken to carry this recommendation into effect, this Committee renew the recommendation, and present herewith articles of incorporation, prepared in accordance with the laws of the State by H. L. Gear, attorney at law, of San Francisco. These articles have been carefully examined by the Committee, and it is recommended that action be taken in accordance therewith.

At the commencement of the year the following brethren were serving in the Southern part of the State, under commissions then in force, and which extended over a part of this year: Rev. C. W. Gregory, District Secretary; Rev. T. R. Bowles, Compton; Rev. J. O. Redden, Lompoc; Rev. C. J. Thompson, Colton; Rev. Aug. Olsen, Los Angeles, and later the application of Rev. D. Read, Redlands, was approved for $400 for one year from June 1, 1888. The amount under these commissions falling due this year was about

$733.33. These fields subsequently came under the supervision of the Committee at Los Angeles.

The following churches in Northern and Central California were receiving aid at the commencement of the year, under commissions approved last year :

Los Gatos—Rev. S. J. Nunn, renewed from August 1, 1888, to February 28, 1889, $116.66, a reduction of one-half in the renewal. The reports show additions by baptism two, by letter twenty--six; raised during the year and expended upon its building, $4,900. Nothwithstanding this heavy outlay it is understood that this church will be henceforth self-supporting.

Napa—Rev. W. R. Connelly, continued his work with this church until July 31, 1888, when he was succeeded by Rev. G. W. Archer. Aid has been continued at $400 for twelve months—the renewal to brother Archer extending to July 31, 1889. The amount allowed, however, has been reduced by the voluntary action of the church, and a new commission approved for $150, for six months from February 1. This act is specially noted, as this church has raised during the past year, $3,765 for the church edifice recently dedicated. The additions to the church have been by baptism, four; by letter, sixteen.

Oakland Swedish Church—Rev. C. M. Nelson; renewed for $300 for one year from September 1, 1888. This church has been doing most valuable work. The reports show eighteen additions by baptism, and forty-three by letter. The increase of membership in this church, in ten months, has been over one hundred per. centum—one half by baptism. This church has property valued at $3,000. Its debt of $950 was reduced during the year $600, the remainder is provided for from the Church Edifice fund. This church has notified the Executive Committee that the amount already allowed for their pastor can be reduced from April 1. This fact is worthy of special mention. A new application has, therefore, been approved for six months at $100. The pastor of this church, in addition to his labors in Oakland, has preached regularly during the year in San Francisco, on Sunday afternoons, and also conducted a weekly prayer meeting there. These faithful services have resulted in the establishment of a Swedish Church in San Francisco, which was organized in February last with fourteen members, since increased to eighteen. In connection with this work most valuable assistance has been rendered during the year by Miss Lena J. Hagstrome, who has been laboring in San Francisco and Oakland, in house-to-house visitations, under appointment from the Woman's Home Mission Society at Chicago.

Tulare—Rev. A. W. Webb, renewed for $350, for twelve months from October 1, 1888. Reports show additions by baptism, one; letter, five; money raised for church building, $400.

Healdsburg—Rev. J. C. Webb. One report to June 30, 1888, at which time Brother Webb's commission expired, gives additions by baptism, three; by letter, four; and $300 paid upon church property. This church has become self-sustaining.

PENRYN—Rev. L. M. Protzman. Renewed for $125 for six months, from Nov. 1, 1888. Additions by baptism, one; by letter, two; paid on church property, $121.

SOLEDAD—Rev. J. M. Helsley, under commission from last year until December 31, 1888.

In addition to the above fields assisted last year, aid has been given at the following points:

KINGSBURG, and out stations—Rev. I. D. Fleming, $100 for one year from April 1, 1888. Reports fourteen additions by letter and $730 paid on church property.

LAKEPORT—Rev. C. W. Haycock; $150 for one year from June 1, 1888. Additions reported by baptism, six; by letter, twelve.

WILLETS.—Rev. G. W. Disher; $150 for one year from July 1, 1888. Reports $360 paid on church property.

SANTA CRUZ, SECOND CHURCH.—Rev. F. L. Sullivan; $300 for one year from July 1, 1888. Additions by baptism, five; by letter, eleven. This church has property valued at $1,500, with a debt of $400; paid upon property during the year, $120. Average congregation, one hundred and ten, with a Sunday School of one hundred and thirty.

OAKLAND, SAN PABLO AVENUE CHURCH.—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant; $200 for six months from November 1, 1888. The reports show additions by baptism, five; by letter, fifteen.

SANTA CRUZ, FIRST CHURCH.—Rev. F. S. Lawrence; $100 for six months from November last. The reports show additions by baptism, fourteen; by letter, thirteen.

OAKLAND.—$60 for six months to Mr. Frank C. B. Silva, as missionary among the Portuguese—the people of his nationality. In house-to-house visitations, in the sale and distribution of Bibles and Testaments, and in gathering children into Sunday Schools, he has done valuable work.

NEVADA CITY.—Rev. Robert Lennie; $250 for six months from October last; renewed for six months from April 1. Favorable reports have been received from the work undertaken by the missionary in this long-neglected field.

SAN FRANCISCO, HAMILTON SQUARE CHURCH.—Rev. A. W. Runyan; $200 for six months from January 1. The report for the quarter just closed, shows additions by baptism, seventeen; by letter, eight. This church is situated in an important part of the city, the interest in the church is increasing, and it is probable that no further aid from the Board will be required.

SAN JOSE, EMMANUEL CHURCH.—Rev. Bunyan Spencer; $150 for six months from February last. The location of this church has been changed to the western part of the city; a field not heretofore occupied by any denom-

ination except the Friends. The prospects of this church are encouraging for the future under the labors of Brother Spencer. Regular services are also held at Wrights, by the pastor.

San Lucas.—Rev. J. M. Helsley; $60 for six months from February 1.

Woodland.—Rev. G. E. Good; $60 for five months from February 1.

From the several reports received from these missionary pastors, it appears that there have been additions to the churches served by them; by baptism, seventy-five; by letter and experience, one hundred and sixty-four; a total of two hundred and thirty-nine.

Steps have been taken towards occupying the important town of Bakersfield, the county seat of Kern County. It has a population of about two thousand. There is now no Baptist church in this county. Bakersfield is an important point, in a section of the State which is being rapidly developed.

Encouragement has also been given to the German church at San Francisco, Rev. Chas. Hieronymus, of assistance to the amount of $75 for six months, in co-operation with the German Home Mission Society. The work among the Germans in San Francisco is an important one, and it is thought that under the present organization it will be prosecuted with vigor.

The total amount of the appropriations for missionary service for the year in Northern and Central California is $4,025.50. For the receipts of the Convention reference is made to the Treasurer's report.

The labors of our Missionary Secretary, Rev. W. H. Latourette, have been varied and arduous. No detailed statement can give an adequate idea of the extent or laboriousness of his work, or of its value to the churches. He has rendered valuable service in many directions—especially in giving inspiration to the work wherever he has been. He has made a detailed report upon the work in the State, which has been printed for general distribution, to which we invite special consideration. Brother Latourette has received the hearty commendation of the Executive Committee, and is entitled to that of the Convention, for the ability and untiring zeal with which these labors have been prosecuted.

The Committee mention with pleasure the growing disposition in our Missionary churches to become self-sustaining, and to relieve the Convention as far and as fast as possible, of aid for their support. In most cases applications for renewal of commissions to missionaries have been made for smaller amounts than previously received. It is interesting to note, also, that these churches are not forgetting their duty to the work outside of their own bounds. The reports show offerings for Home Missions, $361; for Foreign Missions, $115, as well as to other benevolent objects.

The "Harvest Home" Day, inaugurated this year, has been observed by very many of the Sunday Schools in the State, and the contributions reported from this source amount to $147.47. It is believed that the presentation of the claims of the Home Mission Work in our Sunday Schools

will be of incalculable value as an educational measure, by bringing the scholars early into sympathy and co-operation with the Master's work.

The Woman's Home Mission Society of California has proven to be an important factor in our State work. The receipts from this source will amount to $400. But the value of the labors of the devout women engaged in this society cannot be estimated by the amount of money raised by them, for they, too, are laying foundations for enlarged work, in their frequent Circle meetings, held in the interest of State Missions.

The question of church edifices is an important one, and must be considered with plans for the extension of our work. In all parts of the State new towns are being settled by energetic communities. In these towns there are many inhabitants, not connected with any denomination, who realize, to some extent, at least, the value to a community of churches and Sunday Schools, and who are ready to aid those who are first in the field. A little help promptly extended at such places, often secures in a little while, permanent interests and self-supporting bodies which are quick to change from the list of *helped* to the list of *helping* churches. Instances of this kind will readily occur to the members of this Convention. In many places in the State work could be commenced at once, with reasonable assurance of establishing permanent interests, if buildings could be secured. In some places land for buildings can now be obtained at little or no cost, provided church edifices be built within a reasonable time.

To prosecute work successfully in such places it has been found necessary in the past, and will be necessary in the future, to seek aid from the Church Edifice fund of the Home Missionary Board. This Board has heretofore very generously aided many of our churches in completing payments upon their church buildings, and the assurance has been given to the Executive Committee that that Board will, for the present, provide three dollars for each dollar raised in California for this purpose.

The demands upon this fund, however, from different parts of the country, has made necessary an urgent call by the Home Missionary Board for an increase of the fund. In response to this call an effort has been made to secure the observance of "Chapel Day," as far as possible, by the Sunday Schools in this State, and it is believed that a considerable sum will be secured for the Church Edifice Fund, from this source. There ought, also, to be a more general and a more generous response from the churches, for the enlargement of this fund. No church or Sunday school can be expected to prosper and become firmly established, until it has an inviting and permanent place for holding its services. We commend this important phase of the work to the consideration of the Convention and our churches.

The money available from this fund for our churches for the year has been: For the church at Selma, $300; Swedish church, Oakland, $350; Vacaville church, $250; Penryn church, $300, and a loan of $200.

We mention with gratification the energy and progress shown during the year by our Missionary churches in the erection of church buildings, and

in the liquidation of church indebtedness. The handsome edifices at Napa and Los Gatos are especially worthy of mention. The reports received from our State missionaries show that in Northern and Central California $11,359 have been raised and paid by our Missionary churches during the year for church property.

And now as to the future. It is apparent to every one that the necessity for Christian work in California is very great. In whatever direction we look the fields are vast where no work is being done by our denomination, and other fields have an entirely inadequate force at work. In the former there must be occupancy; in the latter reinforcement. The great city of San Francisco especially demands, and must receive, more attention from the denomination. The golden opportunity is upon us, and it must not be allowed to pass without a vigorous effort in behalf of our cause.

These fields are becoming daily more and more important, from the rapidly increasing population which is flowing into the State. This population comprises men of every nationality, and of diverse views, religiously and politically; many holding views directly at war with God's word and at variance with our American ideas of Civil Government. This population must be molded for the best interests of the State. Whether or not this will be done will depend on the religious and moral development of the people. This development can only be had by spreading broadcast the word of God, and by the ordained methods of preaching and teaching God's holy law.

How shall this great work be accomplished? We have been at times insensible to its greatness, and at other times appalled at its magnitude; and we have looked intently abroad for carrying on this work, without sufficiently considering and organizing the forces within our own borders. What is most needed, at the present moment, is the bringing into active sympathy and co-operation in our State work the great body of our church membership. The last year's report showed a membership of eight thousand, and the reports of the present year will show a largely increased force available for work. Here is an individual force of immense power, if it be moved by the Holy Spirit; but it must be organized more efficiently, both for seed-sowing and for harvesting.

Let our churches then, be organized at once for aggressive work; with this purpose and aim clearly defined, that California must be won for Christ. Local churches should have a feeling of responsibility for the fields immediately surrounding them, and for their cultivation, as far as possible, without aid from the missionary funds of the Convention. They should, also, be in hearty sympathy and co-operation with all efforts put forth by our Convention, to give the gospel to the weak and neglected fields within the bounds of the Convention. Let there be in every church such a presentation of the importance of the work before us as will call forth earnest and persistent efforts for its prosecution. And this, too, with a consciousness of the power promised by the Divine Master, when he said, "Lo, I am with you all way, even unto the end of the world."

Such a presentation of the needs of the hour in our churches and Sunday Schools, would arouse an interest which would be for the strengthening of individual churches; which would inspire to more active and aggressive work in all directions, with the corresponding spirit for larger giving for the Master's service. We want something more in this matter than mere sentiment, which says, "The work ought to be done." We want a well defined purpose, which says, "The work must be done;" and this purpose should resolve itself into acts of the will, "We will do it." Nothing less than this will meet the obligations which rest upon us, in this matter, as those to whom the cultivation of this important field has been intrusted by the Divine Master.

G. A. HULL,
Chairman of the Executive Committee.

A motion to adopt report was supported in a ten-minute speech by Rev. P. W. Dorsey, who was followed by Dr. E. H. Gray and Dr. O. C. Wheeler.

Action on the report was deferred until Thursday morning, owing to the lateness of the hour.

The President announced the usual committees, called for in the By-Laws, as follows:

On Important Subjects in Executive Committee's Report—Rev. B. Spencer, Rev. Charles Button, Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., W. C. Badeau, Rev. J. F. Moody; G. M. Coulter.

Place and Preacher for next Convention—Rev. W. H. Latourette, Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., Rev. T. R. Bowles, H. E. McCune, Rev. C. H. Hobart.

On Obituaries—Rev. A. W. Runyan, Rev. George B. Rieman, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, George M. Wood.

On New Churches—Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Dr. William Shelton and Robert Crane.

On Temperance—Rev. C. H. Hobart, H. E. McCune, Dr. E. H. Gray.

Convention adjourned until 9 A. M. Thursday, with prayer by Dr. Shelton.

Second Day's Proceedings.

THURSDAY, April 11, 1889.

From 9 to 9:30, devotional exercises conducted by Rev. Jean Vane, of Chico.

At 9:30 President Reider called Convention to order.

Prayer by Rev. M. Harthorn of Stockton.

Minutes of first session read and approved.

Discussion on report of Executive Committee resumed by Rev. W. H. Latourette, who illustrated his remarks with a map showing the localities in the State destitute of Baptist preaching services.

At this point the articles of incorporation submitted by the Executive Committee were read.

After satisfactory explanations concerning the means of adjusting articles of incorporation with existing Constitution, the Executive Committee's report and the articles of incorporation recommended by the Committee for incorporating the Convention were adopted unanimously.

At this point the President announced the following Committee to nominate Directors as contemplated by the articles of incorporation just adopted: Rev. Charles Button, Rev. C. H. Hobart, Dr. O. C. Wheeler.

REPORT ON TEMPERANCE.

Rev. C. H. Hobart presented the Report on Temperance as follows:

The traffic in intoxicating drink is a curse of curses in the world to-day, ruining hundreds of thousands of otherwise happy homes, and robbing countless wives and children of the absolute necessities of life, while sending its thousands every year to a drunkard's grave and a drunkard's hell.

It has entered the field of politics to such an extent that few political conventions are held in which shameful concessions are not made to the traffic. It seeks to control legislation with a success that is truly alarming; and is, for these and other reasons, a standing menace to our free institutions. It is becoming every day more defiant and dangerous, hesitating not at cowardly attack upon, and even the assassination of, its opponents.

It is in deadly hostility to the church and the cause of Christ; not alone in our own land, but, in marked degree, on some of our mission fields. In view of these things, be it

Resolved, 1. That this Convention declares itself as utterly antagonistic to the traffic.

2. That it views with pain and sincere humiliation the attitude of our Government with respect to the traffic on the Congo.

3. That it is our profound conviction that the licensing of the evil is a sin against God and man calculated to blunt the moral sensibility, and to entrench it more securely behind the law, thereby delaying and making more difficult its destruction.

4. That we look upon Constitutional Prohibition as the only solution of the question, so far as the State and Nation are concerned.

5. That we rejoice in the work that the Women's Christian Temperance Union is doing in its various departments.

6. That we believe the time has come when Christians ought to vote solidly and continuously against the giant curse, and that such action would send consternation into the ranks of liquor dealers, and result in the speedy and complete overthrow of the traffic.

7. That while we would not dictate to others as to their political affiliations, we pledge ourselves to oppose by voice and vote those political organizations that are managed in the interests of the liquor traffic.

C. H. HOBART,
E. H. GRAY.

Under a motion to adopt, short and stirring remarks were made by Revs. Button, Bennett, Bailey and Saxton. News of anti-saloon election victories in Pomona added to the enthusiasm and the report was unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Further Committees were appointed by the President as follows:

On Resolutions—Revs. T. H. Stephens, G. W. Archer, S. S Fisk.

On Arrangements for next year—Revs. G. S. Bailey, J. Herndon Garnett, Dr. Hopper.

On Home Missions—Rev A. J. Sturtevant, Rev. Geo. B. Reiman and Prof. L. D. Inskeep.

On Nomination of Trustees for California College—Rev. A. C. Herrick, Rev. A. W. Runyan and Geo. M. Coulter.

REPORT OF ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE.

E. F. Joy of the Enrollment Committee submitted the following report of delegates in attendance, which was adopted.

San Francisco.—First Church, Rev. W. M. Kincaid, Rev. Henry Morgan E. F. Joy and Benj. C. Wright and Mrs. B. C. Wright.

San Francisco.—Emmanuel Church, Rev. P. W. Dorsey and wife, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, Mrs. Fremont Wood, David Davis.

San Francisco.—Hamilton Square Church, Rev. A. M. Runyan, David Sawtelle, George M. Wood and wife and Mrs. L. S. Jennings.

San Francisco.—Chinese, Rev. J. B. Hartwell and wife, Miss Eliza Wilson.

San Francisco.—First German Church, Chas. Hieronymus.

Oakland.—First, Rev. C. H. Hobart, Rev. G. S. Abbott, John H. Stevens, Mrs. E. H. Gray, Mrs. N. S. Douglass.

Oakland.—Tenth Avenue, Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, Rev. S. B. Morse, C. A. Beecher, J. W. Brougher, Mrs. E. W. Darling.

Oakland.—San Pablo Avenue, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, E. K. Russell and Mrs. C. Thompson.

Alameda.—First, Rev. W. H. Latourette, Mrs. White, Mrs. W. C. Spencer.

Stockton.—First, Rev. W. M. Harthorn, E. R. Stockwell, Mrs. Amanda Ralph, Charles Cobb and wife.

Sacramento.—First, Rev. J. E. Hopper and wife, C. A. Beasley, Mrs. J. F. States, Mrs. Parnell.

Sacramento.—Calvary, Rev. A. C. Herrick, W. R. Strong, R. H. Withington, W. H. Bradley, R. S. Osborn.

Wheatland.—First, Rev. T. H. Stephens and wife, B. F. Munson and Miss R. Langdon.

Vacaville.—Rev. J. B. Saxton.

Downey City.—J. D. Green.

Dixon.—Rev. W. T. Jordan, H. E. McCune, G. M. Coulter, Mrs. T. B. Barnes, Mrs. W. T. Jordan.

St. Helena.—Rev. S. C. Keetch, Mark Walker, Miss Emily Pratt, Miss Jane Shaw.

Napa.—Rev. G. W. Archer, Mrs. G. W. Archer.

Vallejo.—Cornell, Rev. J. B. Barry.

Penryn.—Rev. L. M. Protsman, W. J. Howell and Mrs. S. E. Wood.

Ukiah.—Rev. J. F. Moody.

Chico.—Rev. Mrs. R. W. Moore and Mrs. L. M. Earle, G. F. Burrows.

Willows.—Rev. A. M. Russell.

Maxwell.—Rev. T. N. Baker and Rev. C. S. Taylor.

San Jose.—Emmanuel, Rev. B. Spencer, H. T. Hite.

San Jose.—First, Rev. M. D. Gage, R. Cressfield, Rev. J. B. Brand and Rev. Mr. Caldwell.

Woodland.—Rev. G. E. Good, Mrs. Clenluger.

Ceres.—Rev. I. D. Wood.

Modesto.—Hattie Minniear.

Monrovia.—Rev. George B. Rieman, W. C. Badeau,

Los Angeles.—First, Mrs. S. Green.

Riverside.—Rev. Chas. Button.

Biggs.—Rev. J. E. Barnes.

Pomona.—Dr. G. S. Bailey, Mrs. G. S. Bailey, Rev. E. R. Bennett.

Compton.—Rev. T. R. Bowles.

Fresno.—Rev. S. D. Smith.

Santa Rosa.—Rev. S. S. Fisk, Robert Crane, Mrs. E. T. Farmer, Mrs. S. S. Fisk.

San Bernardino.—Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D.

Nevada City.—Rev. Robert Lennie, Dr. Wm. Shelton.

Visiting brethren were invited to sit with the Convention and enjoy the usual courtesies.

Among the visitors present were the following:

Rev. Wm. Dean, D. D., for fifty years a missionary in foreign lands; Rev. Dr. Roswell H. Graves, of Canton, China, now en route back to his field of labor; Miss L. Ella Miller, for seven years a missionary in Burmah and now State Organizer of the W. B. F. M. S. of California; Rev. Dr. O. C. Wheeler, the first Baptist minister of California; Rev. H. H. Parks, one of our pioneer preachers; Rev. James P. Ludlow, a life member of the old Convention; Rev. Mr. Sullivan, of Santa Cruz; Rev. Mr. Hertzog, of Grimes; and Evangelists Adams, Brand and Caldwell; Rev. M. L. Rugg, of Victoria, B. C.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOLS.

The report on Sunday Schools was presented by Rev. A. C. Herrick, as follows:

It has given the Committee great encouragement to learn that there has been a growing interest in our Sabbath Schools during the past year, the numbers in our schools having largely increased, and nearly every school using the helps of the American Baptist Publication Society.

The missionary spirit is deepening, as we learn by the receipts from "Bible Day," "Chapel Building Day," "Children's Day," and "California Day '—Harvest Home. The amount received during the past year was large. It reveals the pushing spirit of the Baptists to notice that mission schools are being established and cheaply built in needy places.

Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., has held with marked success Sunday School Institutes in Northern, Central and Southern California. The Committee would recommend the holding of Sunday School Institutes the coming year.

Resolutions on the Sabbath Schools:

Resolved, 1st, That there should be a revival of Biblical study and a memorizing of the Scriptures.

Resolved, 2d, That the members of the Church and the friends of youth should, *if possible*, become students of the Word in our Sabbath Schools.

Resolved, 3d, That the teachers should be imbued with the spirit of Christ, and ever aim to win the unconverted, and help build up divine characters.

Resolved, 4th, That systematic giving should be inaugurated in our Sabbath Schools.

Resolved, 5th, That the Sabbath Schools should be regarded as the recruiting place for the army of the Lord.

Committee, { A. C. HERRICK, JOSEPH PLAW.

On motion to adopt, remarks were made by Rev. A. C. Herrick, J. Herndon Garnett and Dr. Gray. Report adopted.

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL REPORT.

Rev. Dr. Abbott, Sunday School Missionary, submitted the following report:

Baptist Sunday Schools in California	103
Baptist Sunday Schools reported to us to April 1	84
Union Schools, in all	9
Union Schools held in Baptist Churches	3
Union Schools with Baptist literature	2
Baptist Churches having no schools	2
From 1849 to 1879, schools organized	23
From 1879 to 1889, schools organized	47
Schools organized since January 1, 1889	3
Meet in church or chapel for session	55
Meet in hall	10
Meet in school house	10
Meet no place	1
Number of teachers in all	688
Number of male teachers	230
Number of female teachers	458
Average attendance, in all schools	5,977
Conversions	370
Schools having no library	32
Organs in school (including Union)	85
No organ	5
Schools with orchestra	17
Children's prayer meetings	8
Sunday Schools having morning sessions	48
Sunday Schools having noon sessions	22
Sunday Schools having afternoon sessions	11
Schools held to be an organic part of church	83
Schools held to be other than organic	1
Schools which elect their Superintendent	51
Churches which elect their Superintendent	25
Sunday Schools where teachers elect him	2
Sunday Schools where church elects and teachers ratify	5
Sunday Schools where pastors teach	44
Sunday Schools where pastors visit and oversee	25
Sunday Schools reporting over one-half attend public worship	44

NOTES.

1. Distance between Sunday Schools 150 miles, 75, 55, 25, etc.

2. Several counties report no Baptist Sunday Schools.

3. Every Sunday School reported to us meets its own expenses, excepting three from mission schools. Replies to question of support have been very emphatic. Such as "Yes, sir!" and "We also contribute to church support."

4. The Baptist Mission Union of Sacramento reports an attendance of 118 scholars, with a good collection.

5. In thirteen places only do Baptist Sunday Schools report themselves as strongest, and of these five report themselves as the "only one in the place."

6. "Children's Day," the oldest of all "Children's Days," has promise of wide observance in June, 1889. So, also, "Bible Day," in November. A large number of grants of Bibles, books and tracts ordered for pastors and churches all over the State the past year.

7. Information as to needed Sunday School work always gratefully received by Rev. G. S. Abbott, Sunday School Missionary, 118 Eleventh street, Oakland.

After remarks by Dr. Abbott the report was adopted.

AMERICAN BAPTIST PUBLICATION SOCIETY.

Report on the American Baptist Publication Society was presented by Rev. P. W. Dorsey, as follows:

Your Committee on Publications submit the following report:

The American Baptist Publication Society is National in its work and aims. Its tendency is to unify the denomination North, South, East and West. It is one of the oldest of our National Societies, and has a noble history of work done for Christ and the Baptists. Guided by the Spirit of God, the printed page and the preacher are the two mightiest agencies for winning the world to Christ. The apostles used the pen as well as the pulpit. The Press has always been an effective ally of the Preacher and has greatly multiplied his hearers and his power.

No denomination can be intelligent and progressive without a high grade of denominational literature. Men and women must be rooted and grounded in the faith and be able to give an intelligent reason for the hope within them if they are to be strong and useful.

The Publication Society makes much of distributing the Word of God. No denomination profits so much as the Baptists from a wide and generous distribution of the Word of God. The Bible is peculiarly the book of Baptists. It is their text book, their confession of faith, their discipline, their creed. They are bound by no other book. The Bible makes Baptists and nothing

else. Pedo-baptism is not found in it and Pedo-baptists are not made by it. In proportion as men are turned away from the teachings of men to the teachings of God, from creeds and confessions to the Holy Scriptures, will Baptists multiply. The Baptists can afford to trust their cause to the Word of God. The truth as it becomes known will carry them to victory. The growth of the Baptists will be sure and rapid in proportion as the Bible is disseminated and read. The Word of God finds men at greater depths than the word of man, and holds them sure and steadfast. That the Baptist should push the distribution with great energy is plain to see.

The doctrinal literature published by the Society is of a high order of merit and of great value to our ministers, teachers and laymen. It is now engaged in the publication of a Commentary on the New Testament that has no superior in our language. The Sunday School literature is first class and is making mightily for righteousness among the hundreds and thousands that gather every week for the study of God's word.

We of California are under special obligations for the work which the Society is doing through its agent, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D. Through his instrumentality our own denominational literature has been introduced into nearly every school in the State.

Sunday School Institutes have been held during the year in Monrovia, Selma, Fresno and San Francisco with good results. Generous grants of literature and Bibles have been made for general distribution and a large amount of unreportable work done in the interest of the whole cause. A detailed account of the Sunday School work done will appear in the report on Sunday Schools.

We notice with delight the growing interest in Sunday School work, and we earnestly urge a more generous use of the means of Christian culture provided by the American Baptist Publication Society. All of which is respectfuliy submitted,

P. W. DORSEY,
PROF. INSKEEP.

Rev. C. H. Hobart seconded the motion to adopt in an earnest speech.

Mrs. G. S. Abbott called attention to the need of more male teachers in the Sunday School work. Report adopted.

CONVENTION SERMON.

At 11:15 A. M. Convention gave way to the annual sermon by the Rev. Dr. A. J. Frost, of San Bernardino, from the words: "Watchman, what of the night?"

At the close of the sermon the usual collection was taken up, amounting to $27.35.

Committee on Arrangements reported programme for afternoon and evening. Adopted.

The Convention adjourned to 1:50 P. M. with a prayer by Rev. Dr. O. C. Wheeler.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

Convention met at 1:30 P. M., President Reider in the Chair.

Prayer by Rev. Robert Lennie.

First half hour was given to a meeting of Woman's Home Mission Society, the President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, presiding.

Short addresses on the features of the work were made by Mrs. W. C. Spencer, Miss. Dr. Kellogg, Mrs. E. H. Gray and Rev. A. W. Runyan.

Convention resumed its session at 2 P. M to hear report on Foreign Missions from Rev. C. H. Hobart.

Rev. Dr. Roswell H. Graves, of Canton, China, spoke for ten minutes on the work in the foreign field.

Motion to adopt report was laid on table pending a brief session of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society, the President, Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, presiding. She spoke of what the Society was doing and what it wanted to accomplish.

At 2:55 P. M. Convention resumed its work.

Rev. Dr. Wm. Dean, now 82 years of age, was invited to speak, and told some incidents in his early missionary career that moved all hearts. His remarks were followed with prayer by Rev. J. Herndon Garnett. Several spoke of reminiscences awakened by listening to Dr. Dean.

The report on Foreign Missions was taken from the table.

The last clause in the report, relating to church collections passing through treasury of Woman's Society instead of being remitted direct to the Missionary Union, provoked long and spirited discussion, participated in by Revs. Hartwell, Hobart, Lennie, Morgan, Runyan, Spencer, Garnett, Dorsey, and brethren Joy, Inskeep, Wright, and sisters Dorsey, Miller, Thompson and Wright.

It was finally decided to re-commit report to Committee for revision.

Rev. G. S. Bailey, D. D., Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., and Rev. P. W. Dorsey were appointed a committee to revise Constitution so that it might be in harmony with articles of incorporation.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

W. R. Strong, Treasurer of the Convention, submitted his report, properly audited, which was adopted as follows:

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash paid A. B. H. M. Society	$1,671 04
By cash paid for Minutes of Convention and other expenses	143 70
By cash paid J. Martinez, Mission in Mexico	31 12
Total disbursements	$1,845 86

RECEIPTS.

First Church, San Francisco	$ 69 25
Hamilton Square, San Francisco, C. E. F	14 60
Hamilton Square, " "	45 35
Fifth Church, San Francisco	2 70
First, Church, Oakland	107 43
First Church Oakland, S. S. Cala. Day	50 40
Tenth Avenue Church, Oakland	111 30
San Pablo Avenue " C. E. F	10 65
Alameda Church	67 46
Alameda Sabbath School, Cala. Day	12 75
First Church, San Jose, Harvest Home	20 00
First Church, San Jose	28 00
Swedish Church, Oakland	10 00
" " " C. E. F	6 00
Emmanuel Church, San Jose	10 00
Los Gatos Church	12 50
Los Gatos, per. Rev. Nunn	50 00
Los Gatos Church, Harvest Home	4 60
Santa Cruz Church	43 00
Brancifort Church, Santa Cruz	15 00
Santa Cruz Church, Harvest Home	8 50
T. Merriman, Santa Cruz	10
Santa Clara Church	2 40
Gonzales Church, C. E. F	11 50
Gonzales Church, State Home Missions	17 90
Gonzales Church, Cala Day	10 00
Calvary Church, Sacramento, to J. Martinez, Mexico	31 12
" " "	11 73
First Church, Sacramento	41 96
" " " C. E. F	10 30
First Church S. S., Sacramento	12 00
First Church, Stockton	51 50
Carpenteria Church	5 00
Hueneme Church	3 50
Lompoc Church	9 00
Reno Church	37 00
Nevada Church, C. E. F	5 00

Nevada Church	$ 5 35
Dixon Church ($10 40 of which is for Mexico)	94 62
Vallejo S. S. Christmas offering	7 00
Cornell Church, Vallejo	1 50
St. Helena Church	12 00
Santa Rosa Church	21 00
Petaluma Church (Harvest Home)	6 00
Petaluma S. S., Cala. Day	7 20
Woodland Church	8 75
Woodland Church, C. E. F	11 85
Maxwell Church	11 51
Chico Church, C. E. F	10 38
Ukiah Church	23 00
Clear Lake	5 00
Wheatland Church	24 00
Fresno Church	31 00
Fresno Church (Harvest Home)	25 00
Ceres Church, Cala. Day	5 12
Redwood Church	3 80
Penryn Church	26 25
Healdsburg Church	22 35
Willows Church	2 00
Modesto Church, W. W. Odum	1 00
Orange Church	1 00
First Church, Los Angeles	4 99
First Church, San Bernardino	3 00
First Church, Visalia	30
First Church, Riverside	7 00
First Church, Pasadena	4 50
Chinese Church, San Francisco	1 00
San Lucas Church	3 70
Colusa, Richard Boyne	15 00
Tulare Association	143 00
Calvary Church, Sacramento, for Convention	44 28
Collection at convention	27 35
Woman's Home Mission Society ($10.00 of which is for C. E. F.)	424 90
Historical Society	5 65
Received for minutes last year	100 00
Receipts for the year	$2,026 82
Cash on hand May 10, 1888	645 76
Receipts and cash	$2,672 58
Disbursements	1,845 86
Balance in treasury April 11, 1889	$ 826 72

Respectfully submitted,

W. R. STRONG, Treasurer.

April 11th, 1889.

I hereby certify that I have examined the above account and find it correct.

JOHN H. STEVENS,
Auditor.

IMPORTANT SUBJECTS IN REPORT OF BOARD.

Rev. B. Spencer, Chairman of Committee, presented the following report:

1. We emphasize the request that the contributions for Home Mission work be sent in to the State Treasurer early in the year; that where annual collections are taken they be taken as early as September.

2. Contributions to the Church Edifice work should be taken in all our churches. We commend those who have built so well during the past and encourage the workers for the year to come.

3. We are delighted with the progress made by our Scandinavian brethren during the year, and urge the necessity of making greater provision for the preaching of the Gospel to immigrating foreigners in their own languages.

4. We recommend the employment of trained lady missionaries. Their efficiency and adaptation to this work is no longer a mere experiment. Consider the work of Miss Hagstrome and others.

5. Let the earnest words which have been spoken concerning the very great needs of San Francisco glow and burn.

6. We recommend that a vote of appreciation be taken in consideration of the earnest and faithful work done by our General Secretary during the past year.

7. We express our gratitude to God for His blessing upon the mission work in our State during the past year, and pray that during the coming year He will fulfill for us our Lord's own words: "Greater things than these shall ye do." Respectfully submitted,

BUNYAN SPENCER, J. F. MOODY,
G. W. COULTER, CHAS. BUTTON,
W. C. BADEAU.

Rev. J. Herndon Garnett seconded the motion to adopt in a short speech. Report adopted.

E. F. Joy moved that expense of printing and distributing Minutes be paid from General Fund. Adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

Rev. A. J. Sturtevant reported on Home Missions. Adopted without discussion on account of the lateness of the hour.

Your Committee on Home Missions desire to record their gratitude to Almighty God for the wonderful progress in this department of the Master's work during the past year. Never in the history of the world has the evangelization of the earth moved on so rapidly as within the past year; never have Christian people so much reason for gratitude for being used for building up that cause which is above all causes as to-day. Never were Christians so awake to the great work of taking North America for Christ as at present.

The United States and Mexico are under the efficient management of our General Secretary, H. Morehouse; and the New York Board laid off into thir-

teen great districts, each of which has a General Secretary of its own and a systematic plan of work.

Within the limits of a brief report it is impossible to go into details. We can only say that some of these districts are very large, covering many States and Territories where the natural resources of the country are being developed at a marvelous rate and a vigorous population, largely foreign, is pouring in to create empires of peace and plenty where once the wild bison herded and the savage Indian and coyote prowled.

In all these districts vast fields are to be covered, thousands and millions of souls are in need of the word of life, and great responsibilities are laid upon us. Had we time to enter into detail the revelations of the need and the opportunities which our country and our sister Republic of Mexico present would, we believe, greatly startle this audience. But lack of time forbids detail entirely.

In the prosecution of their great work the Society follows three main lines:

First:—The preaching of the Gospel by missionaries.

Second:—The Church Edifice work.

Third:—The Educational work among the colored people of the South and the Indians, and in Mexico.

In the first department we can only say that the Society employs 742 missionary pastors, covering 1,494 preaching places. Noble men bearing tremendous burdens and accomplishing such grand results for Christ as eternity alone disclose.

In the Church Edifice Department the Society has, during the past year, assisted 108 churches to build church homes, and to-day 108 churches have as their needs require, large, convenient and tasty houses in which to gather souls and bring them under the sound of the preached Gospel. This is a work that through time and eternity will redound to the glory of God.

The educational work among the colored people is indeed mission work on a large scale. The 115 teachers do real missionary work, while the home coming of the 2,995 students of both sexes carries the missionary influence, year by year, immediately into the homes. The same can be said of the 232 students in the 3 Indian schools; and the 250 students at the schools in Mexico where, in addition to the daily religious exercises, most of the pupils are brought into the Sunday Schools. The great need in mission work in Mexico is intelligent, trustworthy native preachers. These schools are helping to furnish such workers. And now "The morning cometh." The results of this systematized home work have been carried so near to the hearts of our membership that they readily say, "Thank God, and take courage." Spasmodic work is not urged; steady informing concerts of prayer have greatly helped the past harvest; present knowledge would use them still more. Know the field, and we will do the work. "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us;"

quicken the missionary spirit in the prayer meetings and Home Missions will not be a stumbling block in the business sense.

Your Committee would recommend:

I. That Chapel Day inaugurated by the Society for this purpose may no longer be considered as an optional measure but as an obligatory service, and not only by the Sunday Schools but by the Churches also.

II. WHEREAS the Home Missionary Magazine is not circulated as its merit deserves, and whereas the cause suffers from lack of information on the part of our people, we recommend that every family of our church be urged to subscribe therefor.

A. J. STURTEVANT,
GEO. RIEMAN,
PROF. INSKEEP.

Dr. Hartwell made verbal report of condition of Chinese missions in the State.

Rev. A. C. Herrick submitted names for Trustees of California College, class of 1892, to be voted for by the Board of Trustees of that institution. Report adopted. Following are the names:

W. R. Strong, O. C. Wheeler, J. L. Lyon, B. C. Wright, J. H. Stevens, F. C. Brougher, P. W. Dorsey, P. R. Garnett.

The other Directors of California College to go out a year and two years hence, are as follows:

Directors, 1889—Bunyan Spencer, G. S. Abbott, J. H. Garnett, Charles Button, E. H. Gray, W. R. Gallup, G. M. Coulter, C. N. Whitmore.

Directors, 1890—W. M. Kincaid, E. C. Dargan, J. E. Hopper, P. D. Code, Robert Crane, H. L. White, D. D. Hudson, H. E. McCune.

Dr. Hartwell, Statistical Secretary, submitted his annual report. Adopted.

ORGANIZATIONS.

NAME.	PRESIDENT OR MODERATOR.	SECRETARY.	TREASURER.
General Baptist Convention of California.	Rev. J. H. Reider, Los Angeles.	B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough Street, S. F.	W. R. Strong, Sacramento.
Central Baptist Association	Rev. J. Herndon Garnett, 1418 Tenth Ave., E. Oakland	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, 1011 Mason Street, S. F.	P. D. Code, Esq., 314 Washington Street, S. F.
Clear Lake Baptist Association	Rev. S. L. Sanford, Ukiah.	Rev. E. Waller, Upper Lake.	R. P. White, Esq., Upper Lake.
Eastern Baptist Association	Rev. W. E. Adams, Greenville, Plumas Co.	P. S Spoon, New Pine Creek, Oregon.	T. H. Garrett, Esq.,
Los Angeles Baptist Association	Rev. W. H. Pendleton, D. D., Los Angeles	James H. Roe, Riverside.	J. O. Matthewson, Esq., Monrovia.
Pacific Baptist Association	Rev. S. S. Fisk, Santa Rosa.	Rev. J. C. Webb, Healdsburg.	Robert Crane, Esq., Santa Rosa.
Sacramento River Baptist Association	Rev. W. A. Clark.	Rev. C. C. Bateman,	J. F. Durham, Esq., Maxwell.
Santa Barbara Baptist Association	Rev. Jas. Coutts, Santa Paula.	Rev. J. O. Redden, Lompoc.	W. T. Lillard, Esq., Goleta.
Tulare Baptist Association	I. D. Fleming.	Rev. A. W. Webb, Tulare.	W. P. Haber, Fresno.
Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society	Mrs. P. W. Dorsey, 2601 Howard St., S. F.	Mrs. A. W. Runyan, 2221 California Street, S. F.	Mrs. B. C. Wright, 1703 Gough Street, S. F.
Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society	Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 107 Ridley Street, S. F.	Mrs. C. H. Hobart, 914 Sixteenth St., Oakland.	Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Alameda.
Baptist Chinese Missionary Society	Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., East Oakland.	J. B. Hartwell, D. D., 1011 Mason Street, S. F.	H. Garthwaite, Oakland.
Trustees of California College	Hon. H. E. McCune, Dixon.	Rev. Bunyan Spencer, San Jose.	J. H. Stevens, 315 California Street, S. F.
Trustees of Los Angeles University	Rev. Chas. Button, Riverside.	S. J. Merrill, Esq., Los Angeles.	Hon. J. D. Bicknell, Los Angeles.
Baptist Educational Society of California.	Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., Oakland.	Rev. A. W. Runyan. San Francisco.	J. R. Bennett, Nordhoff.
Baptist Historical Society of California	Rev. O. C. Wheeler, LL. D., Oakland.	Rev. J. B. Hartwell, 1011 Mason Street, S. F.	J. B. Hartwell, 1011 Mason Street, S. F.
Ministers' and Laymen's Conference	Rev. S. C. Keetch, St. Helena.	John H. Stevens, Oakland.	

TABULATED SUMMARY—BY ASSOCIATIONS—CHURCHES.

Associations.	No. of Churches.	Membership.					Property.				Worship.	Benevolences.						
		Baptized during year	Total Gain.	Total Loss.	Net Gain.	Present Membership.	Seating Capacity.	Valuation.	Indebtedness.	Improvements during year.	Annual Cost.	Foreign Missions.	Home Missions.	California Chinese Missions.	American Baptist Publication Society.	Higher Education.	Other Benevolences.	Total Benevolences.
Central	26	277	680	320	360	3094	8955	$293,850	$22,077	$23,026	$36,731	$621 88	$1,184 17	$1,202 10	$185 52	$578 18	$1,692 81	$5,464 66
Clear Lake	12	195	277	53	224	595	2530	10,500	1,150	1,900	2,819	6 25	149 95	.....	72 00	.....	628 85	857 05
Eastern	14	22	37	19	16	269	800	6,800	1,145	1,800	1,180	44 00	105 00	.....	.....	.....	100 00	249 00
Los Angeles	29	240	1049	378	671	3728	5450	228,085	25,197	32,785	38,070	1,229 75	3,521 73	37 15	398 25	503 00	4,354 18	10,044 06
Pacific	12	99	219	64	155	1063	3130	63,645	3,006	7,272	11,748	179 31	326 67	160 00	145 60	1,445 25	1,811 00	4,067 83
Sacramento River	21	9	56	32	24	734	1891	25,700	5,090	700	1,925	.....	54 50	.....	27 00	50 00	50 00	181 50
Santa Barbara	13	15	93	12	81	259	531	9,490	310	2,200	2,238	.....	29 25	.....	11 21	.....	10 00	50 46
Tulare	17	1	27	9	18	406	1420	21,884	875	.....	4,305	6 00	17 50	.....	2 00	.....	.....	25 50
Unassociated	21	...	27	3	24	191	500	8,000	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Totals	165	858	2463	890	1573	10,339	25,207	$667,954	$58,850	$69,683	$99,016	$2,087 19	$5,389 77	$1,399 25	$841 58	$2,576 48	$8,646 84	$20,940 06

Associations.	No. of Schools.	Enrolled.			Average Attendance.			Vols. in Library	Value of Library.	Annual Expense of School	Benevolence.....	Using Our Denominational Literature.
		Officers and Teachers	Pupils.....	Total.....	Officers and Teachers	Pupils.....	Total.....					
Central.....	41	413	3,532	3,945	372	2,307	2,679	4,548	$1,521 00	$3,161 07	$939 40	29
Clear Lake.....	8	44	305	349	41	250	291	44	12 00	140 00	....	3
Eastern	5	27	152	179	24	132	156	....	....	55 00	....	2
Los Angeles.....	32	351	2,549	2,900	275	1,818	2,093	1,375	300 00	2,627 87	159 05	22
Pacific..... ...	12	123	839	962	106	528	634	500	150 00	557 84	15 65	12
Sacramento River.....	6	40	232	272	31	194	225	....	....	190 00	....	6
Santa Barbara	4	16	106	122	12	81	93	60	20 00	23 00	....	3
Tulare.....	10	64	493	557	50	307	357	232	50 00	285 00	5 00	6
Unassociated.....	5	18	165	183	14	92	106	40	25 00	50 00	....	2
Totals	123	1,096	8,373	9,469	925	5,709	6,634	6,799	$2,078 00	$7,089 78	$1,119 10	85

REPORT OF STATISTICAL SECRETARY.

(*Continued.*)

MISSIONARIES.

General Secretary.....Rev. W. H. Latourette, Alameda
District Missionary, Los Angeles Ass'n..Rev. C. W. Gregory, E. Los Angeles

MISSIONARY PASTORS—14.

G. W. Archer.....Napa
G. W. Disher.....Willits
C. W. Haycock.....Lakeport
J. M. Helsley.....Soledad
F. S. Lawrence.....Santa Cruz (1st Ch.)
Robert Lennie.....Nevada
C. M. Nelson.....Oakland
L. M. Protzman.....Penryn
A. W. Runyan.....San Francisco
Frank Silva.....Oakland
A. J. Sturtevant.....Oakland
F. L. Sullivan.....Santa Cruz, (2d Ch.)
A. W. Webb.....Tulare
G. E. Good.....Woodland

TO THE CHINESE—11.

Rev. J. B. Hartwell, Sup't.....1011 Mason street, San Francisco
Miss Claudia J. White.....1011 Mason street, San Francisco
Miss Anna B. Hartwell.....1011 Mason street, San Francisco
Miss Eliza Willsie.....1001 Powell street, San Francisco
Rev. T'ong Kit Hing.....915 Clay street, San Francisco
Mrs. J. R. Bradway.....Oakland
Mrs. Mary E. Wilson.....Chico
Miss S. E. Stein.....Fresno
Miss Ida Burroughs.....Sacramento
Mrs. Amanda Egli.....Tulare
Mr. Lum Chau Tan (transient.)

BAPTIST MINISTERS IN CALIFORNIA—226.

Not engaged in ministerial work (*)—71

Abbott, G. S., D. D.....Oakland
Adams, H. E.....Santa Clara
Adams, W. E.....Santa Rosa
Alexander, T. W.....Woodville
Anderson, Peter.....San Diego
Anderson, ——.....Los Angeles
*Austermell, J. H.....Los Angeles
Bailey, B. T.....San Jose
Bailey, G. S., D. D.....Pomona
Baker, F. M.....Willows
*Bandy, J. H.....Red Bluff
*Bangle, T. M.....San Bernardino
Banker, J. B.....Santa Ana
Barnes, J. E.....Chico
*Barnes, J. T.....Petaluma
Barr, John.....Pomona
Barry, J. N.....Vallejo
Bauder, W. H.....Woodville
Bennett, E. R.....Pomona

*Bettesworth, J. J ..... Hanford
Bonner, J. D ..... Willow Ranch
Borroughs, J. N ..... Janesville
Bowles, T. R ..... Compton
*Boynton, Amos ..... ———
*Briggs, O. W ..... Berkeley
Bristol, H. C ..... Los Angeles
*Brooks, J ..... Paso Robles
Brovitz, K. A ..... Red Bluff
*Buckbee, C. A., D. D ..... 1906 Laguna street, San Francisco
Button, Charles ..... Riverside
Cambron, W. J ..... Fresno
*Canterbury, J. C ..... San Bernardino
Carlisle, E. B., Ph. D ..... The Palms
Cartwright, J ..... Malaga
Childs, T. P ..... Santa Rosa
Childs, J. F ..... National City
*Chilson, J ..... Fallbrook
Clark, R. D ..... Eureka
Clark, A ..... Bishop Creek
*Clay, Jeremiah ..... Downey
*Cole, A. L., D. D ..... Santa Ana
Coutts, James ..... Santa Paula
*Critenden, Orrin ..... Mountain View
*Cunningham, G. P ..... Shingletown
Daniels, J. W ..... San Diego
Disher, G. W ..... Sherwood
*Doom, A. G ..... Biggs Station
Dorsey, P. W ..... 2601 Howard street, San Francisco
Downie, John E ..... Petaluma
Dudley, Waldo ..... Visalia
Duncan, George E ..... 518 Powell street, San Francisco
Eby, M. S ..... Westport
Edgren, J. A., D. D ..... Red Bluff
*Ewer, W. D ..... Los Gatos
*Farrar, F ..... Lakeport
Farrow, A ..... Goleta
Fechter, Jno ..... Pasadena
*Findley, E ..... Chico
Fisk, S. S ..... Santa Rosa
Fleenor, W. T ..... 711 Twentieth Street, Oakland
Fleming, I. D ..... Fresno
*Forbes, C. F., M. D ..... 5 Stockton street, San Francisco
*Foster, Joseph ..... Santa Clara
Freeman, J. A ..... Norwalk
Frost, A. J., D. D ..... San Bernardino
*Fuqua, I ..... Pomona
*Gable, Wm ..... Tulare
Gage, M. D ..... San Jose
Garnett, J. Herndon ..... 1418 Tenth avenue, E. Oakland
*Gear, H. L ..... 1827½ Pine street, San Francisco
Gibson, J. G ..... Red Bluff
Glaeser, L ..... Los Angeles
Good, G. E ..... Woodland
Grant, Peter ..... Santa Barbara
Grant, Alex ..... Santa Barbara
Gray, E. H., D. D ..... 1069 Brush street, Oakland
Green, F. W ..... Bieber
Green J. D ..... Downey

Greenfield, J. B. ..... Los Angeles
Gregory, C. W. ..... E. Los Angeles
*Griffith, — ..... Nortonville
*Gurnsey, A. A. ..... Lodi
*Gully, W. T. ..... Lakeport
Hamilton, D. S. ..... Paso Robles
*Hamilton, E. C. ..... Los Angeles
*Hamilton, Hiram, D. D. ..... Orange
Harper, W. F. ..... San Diego
*Harriman, S. M. ..... Winters
Harris, C. E. ..... Pasadena
Hartwell, J. B., D. D. ..... 1011 Mason street, San Francisco
Hatch, E. B ..... Salinas
*Hawley, D. S. ..... Santa Barbara
Haycock, Charles ..... Lakeport
*Hayhurst, L. W., D. D. ..... Pasadena
Henry, J. W ..... Healdsburg
Herrick, A. C. ..... 1304 N street, Sacramento
Herritage, J. ..... Compton
Hertzog, G. A. ..... Grimes
Hieronymus, Chas. ..... 659 Willow avenue, San Francisco
*Hilton, Stephen. ..... Milpitas
Hobart, C. H. ..... 914 Sixteenth street, Oakland
Hollenbeck, W. H ..... Pittville
Hopper, J. E., D. D. ..... Sacramento
Howard, M. L. ..... Ukiah
Hubbard, Jno. ..... Santa Cruz
Harthorn, Wm. M. ..... Orange
Johnson, J. D. ..... Meridan
Jordan, J. C. ..... Bakersfield
Jordan, W. T. ..... Dixon
Keetch, S. C. ..... St. Helena
Kidder, W. S. ..... Ono
Kincaid, Wm. M. ..... First Baptist Church, Eddy street, San Francisco
Knight, J. B. ..... San Francisco
Kirkpatrick, T. J. ..... Orland
Koehler, F. C. ..... Pasadena
*Lacy, J. N. ..... Selma
Lambert, James. ..... Paso Robles
Latourette, W. H. ..... Alameda
Lawrence, F. S. ..... Santa Cruz
Lennie, Robt. ..... Nevada City
Leonard, Wm. ..... Red Bluff
*Lillard, G. H. ..... Los Angeles
*Lindsey, — ..... Fresno
*Lord, T. N. ..... Los Angeles
Luce, C. S. ..... Poway
Malmburg, A. S. ..... Creston
*McKee, Thomas. ..... Los Angeles
*McKusick, H. P. ..... Norwalk
*Merriam, J. F. ..... Santa Ana
Mitchell, Wm. A. ..... Stockton
Moody, J. F. ..... Ukiah
*Moore, A. S. ..... Los Angeles
Morgan, Henry. ..... San Francisco
*Morris, V. ..... Winters
Morse, S. B., D. D. ..... E. Oakland
Myers, J. C ..... Orange
Nelson, C. M. ..... 1204 Fourteenth street, Oakland

Norris, S. J.....Auburn
Odum, W. W.....Modesto
Ogle, B.....Hanford
Olsen, August.....Los Angeles
Orgren, A. B.....Chino
*Palmer, T. R., D. D.....National City
Parks, H. H.....Willows
Pendleton, W. H., D. D.....Los Angeles
Petty, A. M.....Stockton
Pierce, S. C.....Coronado Beach
Phillips, Thomas.....San Bernardino
*Pillsbury, S. S.....Tulare
Protzman, L. M.....Penryn
*Randolph, Thomas E.....Marysville
Rieman, G. B.....Monrovia
Read, Daniel, LL D.....Los Angeles
*Read, George R.....Oakland
Redden, J. O.....Lompoc
Rees, Eli.....Lemoore
*Reid, S. E.....Fresno
Reid, W. E.....Middletown
Reider, J. H.....Station D, Los Angeles
Reynolds, G. W.....Lake City, Modoc county
Rice, Eli.....Fort Bidwell
Rider.....Los Angeles
*Rigby, N. L.....Los Angeles
Riley, J. W.....Selma
Riley, C. C.....Springville
*Ringo, S. A.....San Francisco
Roberts, Jos.....Napa
Robinson, W. H.....Riverside
*Root, Wm.....Pine Grove
Ross, J. S.....Caspar
Runyan, A. W.....2221 California street, San Francisco
Russell, A. M.....Willows
Sanford, S. L.....Lakeport
Satterfield, John.....Visalia
Saxton, J. B., D. D.....Vacaville
*Schalike, F. W.....515 Fell street, San Francisco
Scott, G. W.....Lemoore
*Sears, Jesse S.....Azusa
*Shaw, J.....Los Angeles
*Shearin, D. T.....Millville
Shelton, Wm., D. D.....Nevada City
Smith, Alanson D.....Fresno City
*Smith, Dexter P., D. D.....Santa Ana
Smith, Harvey.....Shingletown
Spencer, Bunyan.....369 Delmas avenue, San Jose
Spencer, Wm. C.....Alameda
Spoon, P. J.....Willow Ranch
*Stark, J. I. G.....Alturas
Stenger, W. H.....San Diego
Stephens, Thomas H.....Wheatland
Stewart, Charles W.....Arbuckle
*Stinson, F.....Los Angeles
*Stockwell, J. N.....Lemoore
*Sill, E. E.....Riverside
*Sawyers, M. K.....Little Lake
Sullivan, F. L.....Santa Cruz

*Swena, Anson	Santa Cruz
Sturtevant, A. J	842 Twenty-ninth street, Oakland
Taft, S. A., D. D	Merced
Taylor, C. S	Maxwell
Taylor, D. T	Upper Lake
Thompson, C. J	Colton
*Thompson, R. S	Bakersfield
*Thompson, W	Sutter City
Tinker, W. W	E. Los Angeles
*Tombes, J. B., D. D	Anaheim
Tomlinson, A. B	Monrovia
T'ong Kit Hing	915 Clay street, San Francisco
Travis, G. J., Ph. D	Fallbrook
Vane, Jean	Chico
*Waller, E	Lakeport
Weaver, F. L	Sonora
*Webb, Abner	E. Oakland
Webb, A. W	Tulare
Webb, J. C	Oakland
*Wells, James	Redding
*Wheeler, O. C., LL. D	Oakland
*Whittaker, T. Arthur	Santa Clara
*Whitney, L	Los Angeles
Whitcomb, Orrin	Willitts
Whitcomb, Orrin, Jr	Willitts
Willis, W. W	Redlands
Wood, I. D	Selma
Wood, Thomas	Vienna
Wood, W. O	Springville
*Wright, M. V	Los Angeles

There are also 13 Licentiates.

J. B. HARTWELL,
Statistical Secretary.

Editors Bailey and Garnett were given the first half hour of the evening session to present the claims of their respective papers.

Adjourned to 7 P. M. Prayer by Rev. Henry Morgan.

EVENING SESSION.

Devotional services were conducted by Dr. Graves, with prayers for God's blessings on the work of Christian education.

Convention called to order promptly at 7:30 by President Reider. Prayer by Rev. Mr. Parks.

Editors Bailey and Garnett took first half hour to present claims of *California Baptist* and *Herald of Truth*.

Dr. Abbott presented report on Education, which was adopted as follows:

Religion is, in this world, as creditor; education as debtor. Religious ideas, more than all others, placed hieroglyphics in word-paintings on the walls, tombs and obelisks of old Egypt. The service of the priests of religion was primary here, calling attention, in days long anterior to the Exodus, to the intellect going on its furthest excursion to grasp conceptions of religious truth, of goodness and evil, life, death and immortality.

The excellency of Chaldea was apparent, not only in astronomy, but, also, in that astrological science from which astronomy confessedly began.

The Greeks were a wonderful people; but what would Homer have been without his gods, or the Parthenon without its Minerva? Greece had sages whose intellects seemed to be tipped with sunlight, like the heights of Righi, while all else in nature was in shade. What was all this, but profound religious philosopy, resting on their highest thought? The Greek language was served by Paul more than it served him. Pauline Epistles are read by thousands, where a Jowett's Plato is read by one.

It is to the credit of apostolic Christianity that in all ages its foremost defenders, if not in all instances personally gifted, have, nevertheless, been greatly interested in the advocacy of the most generous culture possible for the time to confer. Charlemagne and good King Alfred, in spite of the eclipse of learning, strove for its perpetuation. It is to the credit of the ministerial profession that its defense of education, on the whole, has been most emphatic. The embassy of the Cross has never been, for any length of time, afraid of it. From the day when the fathers founded schools in Asia and North Africa to those of the Reformation, education has had warm espousal. Calvin furnished text books for a long time to English learning, invoking intelligence as he had religion and liberty. John Calvin, more than any other man, spoke modern intelligence to birth. The popularization of education was the life-long aim of John Knox. Our own American history—Timothy Dwight, for witness,—gives evidence of the plea of preachers, and of corresponding personal sacrifices, for institutions of sacred learning. Harvard carries the name of a dissenting clergyman of England as its founder, who was one of its earlier donors. Congregational clergymen in Massachusetts and Connecticut, were the unceasing advocates of learning, and particularly of sacred studies. But for recreancy to sound evangelical doctrine in Harvard College, Amherst College would never have been a necessity to keep up the supply of an evangelical ministry on the earth. This was the prime motive of Brown and Colby University, Madison, Rochester, Lewisburg, Dennison, Georgetown, Newton, Crozer, Morgan Park, Louisville, William Jewell. May God forbid that there should ever become a spirit of repudiation of the debt of learning to piety.

Of all men therefore, who would seem to be the first on whom to depend for advocacy of learning, are the ministers of the gospel, who are themselves the graduates of colleges and theological schools; and they are entitled to the award of the largest praise, who, as laymen, in the churches, stand as Col-

bys, Colgates, Trevors, Bucknells, not for a day, nor for an hour, but for a life time, in the interest of education, and denominational at that, but for which one might despair of a perpetuated Baptist ministry, or well taught Baptist laity in the land. All honor to him who stands first of his kind in California, in sublime loneliness of service and consecration of time and money, Dixon's grand tower of strength, Hon. H. E. McCune, and to all such as he in Southern as well as Northern California. All honor to Mrs. Dr. E. H. Gray, Dr. A. B. Stuart, deceased, and Mrs. Dr. Stuart surviving him, in the execution of her own, as also of her husband's wishes in behalf of Baptist education in California. All honor to Mr. T. K. Hook, of Stockton, for the gift of $4,000 with which has been entitled the past few weeks Hook's Hall for boys at Highland Park.

This report enters its plea for a larger appreciation than ever of that laical consecration of time and endeavor, of heart and hand, that after all, is the basis of an heart endowment really of more value to educational furnishing than all endowments of silver and gold and precious woods. God multiply this laical sympathy and effort all over Northern, Central, and Southern California; in a word, all over the Pacific Coast, and all over the land.

This report recalls, with gratitude, the valuable services of Mr. B. C. Wright in the raising of $3,000, years ago, at the beginning of our new educational work, on the small amount of one-dollar subscriptions, and begs appreciation, as well as effect, for the humblest offerings of the people, the more assuredly to lay deep and broad foundations in an ever-widening constituency of friends and helpers, in everlasting remembrance of the Master's teaching that the two mites, which make a farthing, often ring in his treasury for education, as well as for any other service, more loudly than all other offerings.

Your Committee pleads for denominational education, as "the only survival of the fittest," in the year ahead; pleads for it as an offset for all that university education of California, as a State, which say what men may, is so sadly lacking in high mental, not to add, moral philosophy. California has no chair of mental or moral philosophy in which such men as Thomas Arnold or Francis Wayland would dream of being at home. Alas, for the lack of it !

Your Committee pleads for the larger consideration of the value of education to the children of our people, and for sin and temptation to them so early to materialize their future; pleads for prayer from the pulpit and pen alike for the consecration of our youth to the ministry of the gospel.

We wish, in conclusion, to record our appreciation of the value to our California College of its president Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., in spiritual as also in material things. How largely our highly flattering condition financially, our three beautiful buildings already erected is due to him as also to their architect, Newsom, it is not for us to answer. Dr. Morse is entitled to our thanks for his development of the grand organizing and financial strength of California College, at this hour. To say that it has need of money to-day, is

only to note that a growing demand has always need of enlarged supply. Praise of a kindred nature is due to Rev. J. H. Reider, the president of Los Angeles Baptist University. He, too, was an exceptionally fine pastor, and his consent to break from his loving pastorate, to become, if need be, a *holocaust*, in sacrifice for Baptist Education in Southern California, merits our highest honor.

For both Rev. S. B. Morse, D. D., and for Rev. J. H. Reider, we ask the hearing of the Convention to-night.

Your Committee wishes to take note of the existence now of a National Baptist Education Society, with which our own California Baptist Educational Society it is hoped will be connected vitally, and from which in the distribution of its favors, it is hoped our educational work in California will have speedy and due consideration. We are trying to do well, and hope the country will so regard us and help us, not far away, but as near by, and of greater claim than as yet allowed, as a brotherhood large now, and shortly larger, and ere our people are aware of it, in sad delay of needed furnishing for the great work we have to do on the Pacific Coast.

Yours for the Committee,

G. S. ABBOTT,
J. H. REIDER.

Under the motion to adopt, remarks at some length were made by Rev. J. H. Reider, Rev. Dr. Morse, Prof. Inskeep and Rev. P. W. Dorsey.

Adjourned to 9 A. M Friday, with prayer by Rev. Charles Button.

Third Day.

Board of Managers met at 8:30 and listened to the report of the Committee on Revision of Constitution, which was unanimously adopted, and recommended to the Convention for adoption. The revised Constitution is the same as printed on page 6 of these Minutes.

Devotional services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Bailey.

At 9:20 the annual meeting of the Historical Society took place. President O. C. Wheeler, D. D., asked Dr. Bailey to preside. Prayer by Dr. Saxton.

Dr. Wheeler then read a lengthy and interesting report on Baptist History in California since 1849, as requested at last

meeting of Society. The delivery was accompanied with several donations of early sermons and other literary work by Dr. Wheeler, to the archives of the Society; the presentation of each document eliciting hearty applause.

The old officers were re-elected and Dr. Saxton was invited to deliver the address next year.

Convention called to order at 11:30 by President Reider. Prayer by Dr. Gray. Minutes of Thursday's session read and approved.

Report of Committee on Revision of Constitution, by request of Chairman, read by Rev. W. H. Latourette.

Rev. P. W. Dorsey moved the adoption of report; Dr. Wheeler stated that it had been unanimously adopted by the Board and therefore it only remained for the Convention to ratify its action.

President Reider called attention to the requirement for a three-fourths vote to adopt the revised Constitution.

The question was then submitted and the Constitution was declared adopted unanimously. The vote stood sixty-eight in favor of the document. There were no negative votes.

Dr. Abbott, Chairman of the Committee on New Churches, stated that he had received no applications for membership in the Convention. Report adopted.

Rev. A. W. Runyan presented the report of the Obituary Committee, which, after prayer by H. E. McCune, was adopted as follows:

IN MEMORIAM.

Your Committee on Obituaries have been unable to secure very many facts concerning the deaths in the Baptist denomination of California during the past Convention year.

We find it impossible to make anything like a detailed report, hence can only mention the names of the deceased which have been handed to the committee since its announcement at this Convention.

L. E. Chandler, one of the constituent members of the Chico Baptist Church, fell on sleep March 31, 1889. He was a true Christian man, filling well all life's duties.

Rev. J. D. Gregory, M. D., of the Hopewell Baptist Church, died November 5, 1888, aged 70 years. He had been a minister of Christ for about 40 years.

Sister S. A. Francisco died April 4, 1889, aged 73 years. A member of the Hopewell Baptist Church.

Sister Ida Cooper died October, 1888. Of the Hopewell Church.

Mrs. Anna Chapman, of the Napa Baptist Church, wife of Deacon Asa Chapman, died November 27, 1888, aged 60 years.

Mrs. S. M. Moore, of the San Pablo Avenue, of Oakland, died in January, 1889. She was a constituent member of the church, always sweet-spirited, and her gentle influence was always on the side of her blessed Master, in whose arms she sweetly fell asleep.

Mrs. E. F. Joy, for many years a member of the First Baptist Church of San Francisco, died November 17, 1888, after a very brief illness. She was an active and esteemed member, ready for every good word and work. She was also a constituent member of the Woman's Home Mission Society.

T. K. Hook, of the Stockton Baptist Church, died October, 1888. He was a man of sterling worth, both as a member of the church and as a citizen. He had been Mayor of the city of Stockton and Sheriff of the county. He was a pillar in the Church of Jesus Christ, and generous to a fault.

A. W. RUNYAN,
G. B. RIEMAN,
J. B. HARTWELL,
G. M. WOOD.

Rev. Dr. Button, from the Committee on Nomination of Directors for the Board of Directors under the Convention as incorporated, presented the names of the following gentlemen: Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., Hon. H. E. McCune, Rev. C. H. Hobart, Capt. G. A. Hull, Rev. G. S. Bailey, D. D., Rev. E. R. Bennett, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, H. L. Gear, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., W. R. Strong, Rev. J. E. Hopper. Report adopted.

Rev. G. W. Archer, from the Committee on Resolutions, presented the following, which were adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That as the reports of the Convention show greatly enlarged additions to our churches over past years, and marked advancement in our mission and educational interests, we record our gratitude to God for the blessings of the past year, and humbly implore His guidance for the future.

Resolved, That we render our hearty thanks to the pastor and members of the First Baptist Church, and the Calvary Baptist Church, Sacramento, and to the citizens, for their cordial and hearty entertainment, and to the local press for full and impartial reports and to the Southern Pacific Railway for reduced fares.

Resolved, That having heard with great pleasure the able sermon by Rev. A. J. Frost, D. D., delivered before this Convention, we respectfully request that the same be published in the *Herald of Truth* and the *California Baptist*.

WHEREAS, Miss L. Ella Miller has labored most earnestly and faithfully during the year past among our churches in the interests of the Woman's Baptist Foreign Missionary Society; therefore,

Resolved, That we put upon record our appreciation of her efficient work and commend her to all our churches.

Resolved, That pastors and church clerks be earnestly requested to see that correct statistical reports be furnished to Rev. J. B. Hartwell, San Francisco, promptly when blanks are sent.

Resolved, That as the press is a great educator we believe it the duty of every Baptist family to take one or both of our Baptist papers of California.

T. H. STEPHENS,
G. W. ARCHER,
S. S. FISK.

PLACE AND PREACHER.

Committee on Place and Preacher for next Convention reported as follows:

Your Committee on Place and Appointments for next meeting would recommend that the next annual meeting be held with the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, and Rev. A. M. Petty, of Stockton, to preach the annual sermon, with Rev. E. R. Bennett, of Pomona, as alternate. And we recommend that the succeeding annual meeting be held in the southern part of the State.

W. H. LATOURETTE, A. J. FROST,
T. R. BOWLES, H. E. McCUNE,
C. H. HOBART. Committee.

Report adopted.

The report on Foreign Missions was recalled from the Committee, and after being read by Chairman Hobart, was adopted as follows:

REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

The Foreign Mission enterprise is taking a foremost place in the minds of advanced Christian leaders and thinkers throughout the world. Experience has demonstrated that the churches which are most aggressive and liberal with respect to the work abroad are most prosperous in their work at home. There is no way in which a church can more certainly destroy itself in all that pertains to spirituality and true godliness than to ignore "the regions beyond.'

As we take a general survey of the work there is profound reason to rejoice that the evangelical denominations are unitedly pushing the work as has never been done before in the history of the church.

There is further reason for congratulation upon the increasing efficiency with which the Women's Societies are prosecuting their especial branch of the work. Since the organization of the first Society in 1861, the women of the United States have raised for this object $10,307,990, while our own Women raised during the year 1887-88, $120,215, almost one-third as much as that raised by the Missionary Union. In this connection we must record our regret that there seems to be a tendency with some to leave the prosecution of this grand enterprise more and more to the women. The men of our churches can never do their duty in this direction by proxy.

We have further reason to rejoice in the honor the Lord is constantly placing upon us as a denomination, in the prosecution of this work in foreign lands. From the first we have been leaders in many essential directions. Comparison of our work and results will be of encouragement, and we hope will seem to no one invidious. The figures are the last published for the year '87-88 :

Denominations.	Incomes.	Mission-aries.	Churches.	Member-ship.	Additions.
Presbyterian	$901,180	502	311	23,740	2,897
Methodist	826,784	327	505	22,535	2,711
Congregational	667,289	472	336	30,546	4,388
Baptist	390,835	262	642	61,062	10,602
Episcopalian	189,932	103	32	2,073	443

From these figures it will be seen that though we stand near the foot of the list, as respects the amount contributed to the work, we lead the list as respects results in the conversion of souls.

This has been true for years, and should at once inspire us to profound gratitude and a greatly increased liberality. The Presbyterians give nearly three times as much per year as we do and over three and a half times as much per member, and yet do not have one-fourth as many conversions.

Our additions during the past year have been more than those of the four other denominations combined, their total addition being 10,429 and our additions being 10,602 for the same time.

These figures further indicate that for each convert secured—

The Presbyterian expend	$311 08
The Methodists	304 97
The Congregationalists	152 06
The Episcopalians	428 74
The Baptists	36 86

Or, in other words, it has cost the Presbyterians and Methodists about nine times as much, the Congregationalists more than four times as much

and the Episcopalians twelve times as much as the Baptists to lead a man in foreign lands to take an avowed stand for Christ.

In California the past year has been one of substantial progress, as respects Foreign Mission work. There has been a decided increase in interest on the part of many of our churches and an awakening sense of responsibility respecting the mission to which our Master gave his life. Several things have contributed to quicken the interest in this direction.

Dr. Ashmore was with us for a few weeks, and his presence and enthusiasm are always an inspiration. Miss Miller has spent the year in the State and has aroused the people by her earnest addresses and appeals, by her forceful presentation of facts and by the magnetism of her marked personal consecration.

But perhaps the most potent factor in the development of interest among many has been the sending out to China of Mr. and Mrs. Norvell, by the Woman's Society. It was a new move, but seemed to be a step fully warranted by the exigencies of the case and by its effect in deepening the interest among the people has already proved to be a step of wisdom.

California Baptists, while falling far below their privilege in the amount they give to this object, still stand fairly well as we compare their contributions with those of other States.

The following figures will indicate our comparative standing as Baptists in California. In contributions to the work of Foreign Missions from the latest reports accessible, those of 1888, it is found that New York Baptists average 31 7-10 cents per member; Pennsylvania Baptists, 21 3-10 cents per member; Ohio Baptists, 16 7-10 cents per member; Illinois Baptists, 13 9-10 cents per member; Minnesota Baptists, 53 5-10 cents per member; California Baptists, 26 4-10 cents per member; Northern Baptists, 21 5-10 cents per member; Northern Baptists (omitting Missouri, 117,654 Baptists), 25 1-3 cents per member.

By these figures it will be seen that the two States of New York and Minnesota average more than ourselves, while the three States of Pennsylvania, Ohio and Illinois average less. Our average, however, is considerably above that of the entire North.

In view of the place that the missionary enterprise occupied in the Christian economy, and the pressing need of enlargement along many lines, your committee recommends:

1. That the pastors of our churches be urged to preach frequent sermons setting forth the demands and encouragements to this work.

2. That the churches adopt the weekly system of giving for missions.

3. That earnest efforts be made by the officers of our churches to secure a contribution to this object *from every member*.

4. That we further recommend that this Convention request the Advisory Committee, appointed by the Missionary Union for California to act

as a Board with which the W. B. F. M. Society of California may confer on all questions of mutual concern.

5. That we urge the churches of California to increase their contributions to Foreign missions through the Missionary Union so that their annual contributions shall at least equal the support of a missionary family.

C. H. HOBART,
J. E. HOPPER.

It was moved that the printing and distribution of the Minutes be entrusted to the Recording Secretary. Motion adopted. P. W. Dorsey was appointed to assist the Secretary in the service.

It was voted that the following organizations be allowed to incorporate their minutes within the covers of the Convention Minutes upon payment of their pro rata of the expense of printing and distributing the same: Pastors' and Laymen's Conference, Theological Conference, Baptist Historical Society and Woman's Home Mission Society.

It having come to the knowledge of the Convention that Revs. Abbott, Dorsey, Morse and Reider were soon to go East, they were instructed to represent the Convention in the National Anniversaries of the denomination soon to be held.

The business of the Convention having been disposed of, President Reider addressed a few farewell words to the delegates and asked all to join in singing the hymn, "God be with you till we meet again."

Prayer was then offered by the venerable Dr. Dean.

At 12:30 P. M. President Reider adjourned the Convention to meet in the Tenth Avenue Baptist Church, Oakland, at the usual time next year.

REV. J. H. REIDER, President,

BENJ. C. WRIGHT, Recording Secretary.

NOTICES OF PUBLISHING COMMITTEE.

Clerks of Societies, auxiliary to the Convention, will please send a copy of their printed minutes for 1889, to Benj. C. Wright, Recording Secretary of Convention, 1703 Gough Street, San Francisco.

The edition of Convention Minutes for 1889 is 1000 copies, which the Committee have distributed as generally and as generously as possible. Churches or individuals receiving copies of the same, and who feel that the expense of publication should not come out of the General Fund, as authorized, may relieve their consciences by sending cash donations for that object direct to the Treasurer of the Convention, W. R. Strong, of Sacramento.

BENJ. C. WRIGHT,
Chairman Publishing Committee.

REPORT OF BOARD OF DIRECTORS.

SACRAMENTO, CAL., April 12, 1889.

The newly elected Directors met at 1:30 P. M. O. C. Wheeler called the Board to order. On motion of Brother McCune, P. W. Dorsey was elected President, and C. H. Hobart, Secretary.

The following members of the Board were elected an Executive Committee: P. W. Dorsey, G. S. Abbott, O. C. Wheeler, C. H. Hobart, G. A. Hull, J. E. Hopper and E. R. Bennett.

The Board listened to words from Brothers Adams and Parks with reference to their appointment as missionaries.

On motion of O. C. Wheeler, all applications for appointment were referred to the Executive Committee.

Adjourned. C. H. HOBART, Secretary.

BAPTIST EDUCATIONAL SOCIETY.

The Baptist Educational Society met immediately after the adjournment of the Convention, and elected Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D., as President, Rev. A. W. Runyan as Secretary and J. R. Bennett as Treasurer.

Minutes of Theological Conference.

Sacramento, April 10, 1889.

Rev. Dr. Bailey, of Pomona, was duly elected Moderator of the Conference and Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, of Oakland, Clerk.

On motion B. C. Wright and Rev. J. F. Moody were appointed as an Enrollment Committee.

The Convention then listened to a ringing speech by Rev. C. H. Hobart, of Oakland, in favor of establishing a Theological Seminary.

Rev. Geo. Rieman, of Monrovia, being called upon as the only pastor educated in the State, spoke in the same line.

Committee on Credentials reported as follows;

Monrovia—G. B. Rieman, Deacon Badeau.
Chico—Rev. Dean Vane, Wm. Burrows.
Oakland—First—Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., Rev. C. H. Hobart,
Penryn—Rev. L. M. Protzman, H. E. Parkes.
San Francisco—Chinese—Rev. J. B. Hartwell.
Riverside—Rev. Charles Button.
San Francisco—First—Rev. W. M. Kincaid, E. F. Joy.
Modesto—Second—Hattie F. Minniean.
Ceres—Rev. I. D. Wood.
Oakland—Tenth Avenue—Rev. J. H. Garnett, S. B. Morse.
San Jose—Emanuel—Rev. B. Spencer, H. I. Hite.
Alameda—W. H. Latourette.
Oakland—San Pablo—Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, E. K. Russell.
Pomona—Rev. E. R. Bennett, G. S. Bailey.
Sacramento—Cavalry—Rev. A. C. Herrick, W. R. Strong.
Dixon—Rev. W. T. Jordan, G. M Coulter.
Stockton—E. R. Stockwell, Rev. W. M. Harthorn.
Nevada City—Rev. Robert Lennie, Dr. Wm. Shelton.
St. Helena—Rev. S. C. Keetch, Mark Walker.
Wheatland—Rev. T. H. Stephens, B. F. Munson.
San Francisco—Hamilton Square—Rev. A. W. Runyan, David Sawtelle.
Victoria, B. C.—Rev. M. L. Rugg.
Ukiah—Rev. J. F. Moody.
Sacramento—First—Rev. J. E. Hopper, W. R. Gallup.
Napa—Rev. G. W. Archer and wife.
San Francisco—Emmanuel—Rev. P. W. Dorsey and wife.

The conference was then led in prayer by Rev. E. H. Gray, D. D., after which it adjourned until half past one P. M.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

The afternoon session of the Conference was opened by singing and Scripture reading, after which it was led in prayer by Rev. E. R. Bennett, of Pomona, after which the discussion of the question of the morning was continued by many of the brethren from different parts of the State and the coast.

At an early stage of the meeting a committee, consisting of Brethren C. H. Hobart, B. Spencer, J. H. Reider, Charles Button and J. B. Hartwell, was appointed to draft resolutions on the subject, and the following was adopted:

WHEREAS, It is the judgment of this Conference that steps should be taken for the establishment of a Baptist Theological Seminary on this coast; therefore,

Resolved, That a Committee of Directors, consisting of C. H. Hobart, M. L. Rugg, J. A. Edgren, Daniel Reid, Deacon C. D. Ide, W. F. Harper, W. R. Strong, Charles Button, P. W. Dorsey, H. E. McCune, B. C. Wright, J. G. Levanseler, D. J. Pierce and John Gordon be appointed by this Conference with power to incorporate under the laws of California, at such time as they deem it best, as Directors or Trustees of the Pacific Baptist Theological Union, for the purpose of building up and endowing a Baptist Theological Seminary.

Resolved, That meantime, it having come to the knowledge of this Conference that the services of Dr. E. H. Gray may be secured as Theological instructor, this Conference hereby recommends that the above committee take such steps as may be necessary to secure his services for the work of such theological instruction as may be practical.

After much earnest discussion the report was adopted by a rising vote.

The Conference was then led in prayer by Dr. G. S. Abbott, all kneeling.

Moved and seconded that the Board of Directors just appointed be instructed to report to a conference, appointed similarly to this, next year; carried.

Voted that the Secretary be instructed to correspond with the churches of the Coast asking them to send delegates to such a Conference next year.

A collection amounting to $6.71 was then taken to defray expenses of correspondence, etc.; of this sum $2 25 was paid out for expenses already contracted, and the balance left in the hands of Rev. C. H. Hobart.

After being led in prayer by Dr. E. H. Gray, the Conference adjourned.

A. J. STURTEVANT, Clerk.

MINUTES

—OF—

PASTORS' AND LAYMEN'S CONFERENCE.

Conference called to order at 8 o'clock Tuesday evening, April 9, 1889, at First Baptist Church, Sacramento, by Rev. A. W. Runyan, of San Francisco.

Prayer by Rev. Frank L. Sullivan, of Santa Cruz.

The Moderator appointed the following Committee on Organization: Rev. J. H. Reider, of Los Angeles, Rev. G. S. Abbott, D. D. and Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, of Oakland.

After the singing of a hymn by the congregation, and prayer by Rev. Robert Lennie, of Nevada City, the Committee on Nominations reported:

For Moderator, Rev. S. C. Keetch, of St. Helena.

For Secretary, John H. Stevens, of Oakland.

Rev. P. W. Dorsey, of San Francisco, read a very interesting and timely paper upon "what we owe to our great cities." An interesting discussion followed, participated in by Brothers Latourette, Wright, Joy, Bailey, Dorsey, Button, Runyan and Dr. Gray.

Adjourned to meet at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning.

WEDNESDAY, April 10, 1889.

Conference opened with prayer by Rev. G. S. Bailey, D. D., of Pomona.

Rev. A. W. Runyan, of San Francisco, read a very acceptable paper upon "The place of Ethical Preaching in the Christian Pulpit."

The paper was discussed in an interesting manner by Rev. Dr. Shelton, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. C. H. Hobart, and Rev. Robert Lennie.

Rev. Frank L. Sullivan, of Santa Cruz, followed with a good paper upon "Church Sociability."

Discussed by G. W. Archer, Geo. M. Wood, E. F. Joy, Rev. P. W. Dorsey, Rev. A. M. Russell, Deacon Stockwell, Dr. Bailey, Rev. Henry Morgan, and Rev. A. C. Herrick.

The Moderator appointed Rev. A. C. Herrick, of Sacramento, Rev. A. J. Sturtevant, of Oakland, and Rev. W. C. Spencer, of Alameda, a Committee on Program for next year.

Rev. A. W. Runyan moved a vote of thanks to the Railroad Company for courtesies extended, and to the First Baptist Church of Sacramento, for their generous hospitality, which was carried.

After a song beautifully rendered by Mrs. King, and prayer by Rev. C. H. Hobart, the Conference adjourned to meet next year in connection with the Convention.

S. C. KEETCH, Moderator.

JOHN H. STEVENS, Secretary.

MINUTES

OF THE

BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

First Baptist Church, Sacramento, April 12, 1889.

The Third Annual Session of the Baptist Historical Society of California, was called to order at 9:20 o'clock A. M., by the President, Rev. O. C. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D.

Prayer was offered by Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D.

The Vice-President being absent, Rev. G. S. Bailey, D. D., by request, occupied the Chair, while President Wheeler delivered the Annual Address, according to the appointment of last year. In the course of this Historical Address, which was replete with incident and pathos, as, from time to time, the speaker referred to periods of historic interest in which he had been called to take prominent part, as the pioneer Baptist Minister on the Coast, he handed to the Secretary of the Society, to be preserved in its archives, manuscripts and printed copies of addresses, sermons, etc., which he had delivered, as follows:

1. A Funeral Discourse on the death of President Zachary Taylor (Ms).

2. Minutes of the First Anniversary of the California Baptist State Convention.

3. Sermon on the Observance of the Sabbath.

4. Sermon preached June 29th, 1851. Our Present Danger and Our Only Security.

5. Sermon on Divorce, preached in San Jose, February 10th, 1851, at the request of the Senate of the State.

6. Human Charity. An address before the Free-Masons, after an unprecedented epidemic.

7. Our Ministerial Destitution and Its Supply. Preached at Dedication of the Church in San Jose.

8. Discourse on Dueling—occasioned by the death of Hon. Edw. Gilbert.

9. Funeral Sermon, on death of Rev. Benjamin Brierly.

10. The First Volume of *The Pacific Banner*, the first Baptist paper published on the coast, bound.

11. The Manuscript of the present Address.

On motion of Rev. Dr. Frost, a vote was passed thanking Dr. Wheeler for his very excellent address, and for the valuable papers just presented to the Society.

On motion of Dr. Bailey, the Treasurer was ordered to pay from the treasury the $10.00 necessary to constitute Rev. Dr. Wheeler a life member of the Society.

The Secretary and Treasurer presented his report which was adopted as follows:

Your Secretary and Treasurer respectfully reports that he has received the following books and documents for the Society.

1. From Mr. Elbert C. Norris, 1 vol. The Triennial Baptist Register, No. 2, 1836.

2. From Mrs. M. E. Wattson, partial file of *Herald of Truth*, for 1884, and 1 number of the *Evangel*, giving account of the organization of the Woman's Missionary Society of California.

3. From Smiley, about 100 volumes on subjects pertaining to Law, Medicine, Religion, History, etc.

4. From Rev. C. C. Bateman, a complete file of the Minutes of the Sacramento River Baptist Association from its organization to the year 1888.

5. From Rev. J. B. Hartwell, complete file of the Minutes of the Central Baptist Association and of the General Baptist Convention of California from their organization to the year 1888. Also, from the same, a photograph, by a Chinese amateur photographer, of the Baptist Chinese Mission Headquarters, corner Waverly Place and Sacramento street, San Francisco, dedicated Aug. 19, 1888.

These may all be found in the Pastor's Study in the Chinese Baptist Church, San Francisco.

Your Secretary would avail himself of this opportunity to beg, for the Society, from any person who may be prepared to furnish them, files of the minutes of the late Baptist State Convention, of Associations in the State, both those now existing and those that have become extinct. Also historical sketches of churches, biographical sketches of pastors, deacons and other

prominent Baptists, photographs of church buildings, College buildings, Baptist College presidents and professors, ministers, etc.

Below is a statement of the condition of the Treasury:

BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA IN ACCOUNT WITH J. B. HARTWELL, SECRETARY AND TREASURER.

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May, 1888.	To paid *pro rata* for minutes	$ 5 65
	To paid expenses on books left by Mr. Smiley	1 45
	Cash on hand April 8, 1889	25 15
		$32 25

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May, 1889.	By cash from former Treasurer	$21 75
	By cash from 42 Annual Members	10 50
		$32 25

San Francisco, April 8, 1888. J. B. HARTWELL,
Secretary and Treasurer.

A Committee on Nomination of Officers was appointed, consisting of Rev. Messrs. Morse, Rieman and Taylor. This Committee reported, nominating—

For President, O. C. Wheeler, D. D., LL. D., of Oakland.

For Vice-President, Rev. Wm. H. Pendleton, D. D., of Los Angeles.

For Secretary and Treasurer, Rev. J. B. Hartwell, D. D., of San Francisco. The report was adopted and these officers elected.

On motion, Rev. J. B. Saxton, D. D., was requested to present at the next annual meeting of the Society, a paper on the *Early History of Baptists in California*.

The following annual members were enrolled: G. S. Abbott, J. E. Hopper, J. H. Reider, A. W. Runyan, A. C. Herrick, Robt. Crane, H. E. McCune, T. H. Stephens, F. M. Sullivan, Rev. Harthorn, Mrs. Abbott, E. R. Bennett, W. T. Jordan, R. H. Graves, B. F. Munson, W. R. Strong, Miss S. S. Maur, Mrs. Higgins, Mrs. Hartwell, Miss Andrews, Mrs. McDonald, Prof. Inskeep, J. F. Moody, Mrs. Morton, Mrs. G. H. Kerr, Mrs. V. J. Clevinger, Jas. Ludlow, S. C. Keetch, C. M. Nelson, S. B. Morse, J. B. Hartwell, Mrs. O. C. Wheeler, Dr. Wm. Dean, G. M. Coulter, W. J. Howell, G. E. Good, A. M. Russell, A. L. Thompson,

Mrs. E. Webb, A. J. Frost, Mrs. N. D. Stolker, Mrs. S. A. Wood, Mrs. C. Clinch, A. J. Sturtevant, Mrs. G. M. Wood, Mrs. D. C. Kimberly, S. B. Leavitt, Jno. M. Milliken, E. H. Gray, C. H. Hobart, E. F. Joy, W. H. Latourette, C. Button, Miss L. J. Kellogg, J. H. Garnett, G. S. Bailey, Mrs. G. S. Bailey, J. B. Saxton. The Life Members are Mrs. E. H. Gray, and Dr. O. C. Wheeler.

On motion, the Society adjourned. Prayer by Rev. Dr. Dean.

O. C. WHEELER, President.

J. B. HARTWELL, Secretary.

CONSTITUTION OF THE BAPTIST HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

I. This Society shall be called "The Baptist Historical Society of California."

II. The object of this Society shall be—

(1) To collect and preserve documents of interest pertaining to the history of our denomination, past and present, especially in the State of California.

(2) To encourage by such means as may be found practicable an interest in such history.

III. (1) The officers of this Society shall be a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary and Treasurer, all of whom shall be members in good standing of some Baptist church. The President and Secretary shall make an annual report to the Society.

(2) The duties of the President and Vice-President shall be those usually appertaining to such officers.

(3) The Secretary and Treasurer shall have charge of all documents and moneys belonging to the Society, classifying and filing them duly.

IV. Any person may become a member of this Society by the payment of 25 cents per annum, and a life member by the payment of $10 at any one time.

V. The Society shall hold its annual session at the time and place of the annual meeting of the Convention, at which addresses, essays, etc., may be presented.

MINUTES

OF THE

EIGHTH ANNUAL MEETING

OF THE

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society

OF CALIFORNIA.

The eighth annual meeting of this Society was held in the Presbyterian church, Sacramento, on April 10, 1889.

The devotional exercises were led by Mrs Dr. Abbott, after which Mrs. Purnell of the First Baptist church, Sacramento, extended a cordial welcome to the Society, to which Miss Dr. Kellogg responded.

The Enrollment Committee was appointed as follows: Mrs. D. D Striker and Mrs. O. M. Vesper.

On Nominations: —Mrs. A. C. Darling, Mrs. B. C. Wright and Mrs. N. S. Douglass.

REPORT OF BUREAU OF SUPPLIES.

The report of the Bureau of Supplies was adopted as follows:

Our call for help through the *Herald of Truth* and through letters to many of the church circles was not in vain; for although four of the churches written to have not been heard from, and seven others have for various reasons been unable to give assistance, eighteen have heartily responded. The results reflect great credit upon them and are as follows: Alameda, barrel, value, $30.40; Chico, two boxes, $68; Dixon, box, $80; Los Angeles, Central Church, box, $60; Monrovia, barrel, $23.55; Oakland, First Church, barrel, $25, box, $10; Tenth Avenue Church, barrel, $30, money, $23.40; Pasadena, barrel, $15; Pomona, barrel, $20.10; San Francisco, First Church, three barrels, $40, money, $25; Immanuel Church, barrel $31.65; Hamilton Square Church, box, $20; Sacramento, First Church, barrel, $25; Stockton, box, $15.30; Santa Rosa, barrel, $48, money, $8; Saint Helena, box, $44.65; San Diego, box, $35; Santa Ana, box, $6. Money contributed by Mrs. C. F. Perrings, of Merced, $1. Articles of clothing contributed by Mrs. C. G. Sayle, of Fresno; Miss Alverda Keyser and Miss Carrie Pratt, of San Francisco, $30. Total value, $715.05.

Especial praise is due those circles that have for the first time engaged in this kind of home mission work. Some of them are small, but their works show how much ready hands and loving hearts can accomplish even though members be few and purses light.

To all who have given through this bureau it is gratifying to know that their efforts have been appreciated and their gifts thankfully received; but far more to them than any word of thanks or commendation must be the blessing arising from the consciousness of having done something in the Master's service.

We deeply regret our failure to supply all those whom we wished and hoped to aid; and we sincerely trust that we may avoid giving place to such a regret in our next report. This we certainly may do if our churches, one and all, will acquaint themselves with the needs which this bureau seeks to supply, and will act more promptly in meeting them.

When the eyes are open to see the wants of others, and the hands are warmed by self-sacrificing labor, then the hearts will reap such blessings of love as were before unknown. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. S. C. LILLIS,
Superintendent Bureau of Supplies.

A vote of thanks was moved to Mrs. S. C. Lillis for her efficient services, and carried by a rising vote.

The report of the Committee on Specific Work, which was appointed at the last meeting of the Executive Board, was then read and discussed by the following persons: Mrs. G. S. Bailey, of Pomona, Rev. W. H. Latourette and Miss Dr. Kellogg. The report was adopted.

REPORT ON SPECIFIC FIELD.

The report of Committee recommending a field for specific work is as follows:

Your Committee respectfully submit the following:

We believe it is desirable that this society take up specific work because:

1. If we have some definite object in view our work can be more easily brought before the circles, and with better effect, by the officers of the society; it will also greatly aid leaders of local societies in preparing interesting matter for their meetings.

2. Specific work will bring definite results, and therefore greater encouragement to the workers all over the State.

3. It will bring greater responsibilities and we trust more whole hearted consecration to the work, and lead many sisters to help us who have hitherto stood aloof.

4. It will bring more money into the treasury, for we know of sums lost to us during the past year because they could not be designated to a special object.

5. In conferring with Rev. W. H. Latourette the needs and possibilities of many fields were considered, but after due deliberation, your Committee decided to recommend Bakersfield for several reasons: It is situated in Kern county, an *important town* of about 2000 *inhabitants*. It is the *county seat* and is growing *very rapidly*. Many of the leading business men are Baptists. At a recent prayer meeting held by another denomination, all the persons present were of the Baptist faith with the exception of the pastor and his wife.

6. There is only *one Protestant church in the town*, and *no Baptist Church in the county*. The nearest Baptist Church on this side of Bakersfield is at Tulare, sixty-three miles away; on the other side, the nearest Baptist Church is at Los Angeles, two hundred miles distant.

7. One of the best pastors in the State, Rev. J. C. Jordan, has consented to labor in Bakersfield if a certain sum of money can be raised for his support. Bro. Jordan's magnificent work at Fresno is well known in the State; we cannot afford to lose him for this important field. With so intelligent and capable a man, the success of the enterprise is guaranteed.

8. The prospects are that in three years, or, perhaps, in two, there will be a strong self-supporting church at this important point. The work is to commence immediately, so it is advisable that action be taken at once.

9. We, therefore, recommend that this Society request the Executive Committee of the General Baptist Convention to allow them to designate their money to this worthy object.

MRS. WM. C. SPENCER.
MRS. A. W. RUNYAN.

After some discussion as to what should be done with any surplus funds after providing for the work at Bakersfield, it was moved by Miss Dr. Kellogg that this Society empower the Board to appropriate any surplus funds, if there should be any after supporting the work at Bakersfield; carried.

The report of the Treasurer was read.

Mrs. P. W. Dorsey moved that the Treasurer's report be referred to the Auditing Committee; carried.

Moved by Mrs. Earle that the Treasurer's book be closed in the future ten days before the annual meeting, and that a notice be published in our denominational papers at least a month before that date.

Miss Clinch favored the meeting with a solo, "Nearer, my God, to Thee," which was much enjoyed.

The report of the Committee on Ways and Means was read by Mrs. P. W. Dorsey and discussed by the following ladies: Miss Dr. Kellogg and Mrs. Russell, of Willows.

The report was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS.

The Committee appointed by the W. B. H. M. S. to have under advisement the appointing of an agent to work among the churches of California in the interests of the Society, and in event of her appointment, to name the funds for her support, submit the following report with recommendations:

After careful consideration the Committee find it impracticable at present to employ an agent. They recommend, however, that the duties hitherto performed by the Corresponding Secretary be divided, that the Corresponding Secretary still conduct the ordinary occasional correspondence of the Society, and that a new officer be created under the name of General Secretary, whose duty it shall be to carry on a systematic correspondence with every church in the State in the interests of Home Missionary work, to attend associations, conventions and similar gatherings, and to represent the work of the W. B. H. M. S., wherever that can be done to the advantage of the Society.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. DORSEY,
MRS. HENRY,
MRS. DAVIS,
Committee.

Miss Dr. Kellogg moved that the Executive Board be empowered to appoint a General Secretary, and if possible obtain the services of Mrs. J. W. Henry. Carried.

The Corresponding Secretary's report was read and approved, and a vote of thanks extended to her.

The Standing Committees not being present, and presenting no report, the following were appointed:

On Resolutions: Miss Dr. Kellogg and Mrs. C. H. Hobart.

On Obituaries: Mrs. Dr. Abbott and Mrs. P. W. Dorsey.

The Committee on Nominations then reported as follows: Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, President; Mrs. L S. Jennings, Vice-President; Mrs. C. H. Hobart, Recording Secretary; Miss Rose Inskeep, Corresponding Secretary; Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Treasurer; Rev. E. H. Gray, Auditor; Associational Secretaries:—Central Association, Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant; Sacramento River

Association, Mrs. A. M. Russell; Clear Lake Association, Mrs. E. Starr; Pacific Association, Mrs. T. B. Barnes.

MRS. DARLING,
MRS. WRIGHT,
MRS. DOUGLASS,
Committee.

Moved that the Secretary be instructed to cast the ballot for the election of the officers. Carried.

The officers were declared elected as nominated.

A vote of thanks was moved to the officers and members of the Executive Board for the manner in which they had prosecuted their work special mention being made of the efficient services of the President, Mrs. R. L. W. Davis.

Miss Clinch and Mrs. Howard then gave a duet, which was much appreciated by all present.

The Reports on The State of the Work were called for. Mrs. Button who was appointed to report for Southern California was not present, and as the ladies of that section have formed a new Society there was no official report from the South, but Mrs. G. S. Bailey gave an informal report of the state of the work around her home.

Mrs. P. W. Dorsey reported for Northern California, as follows:

REPORT OF WORK IN NORTHERN CALIFORNIA.

A residence of a little less than one year in Central California has not afforded the opportunities for as thorough knowledge of the Home Mission work in this part of the State as could be desired. This report is therefore necessarily quite incomplete.

During the year there have been added to the Mission Churches of Central and Northern California by letter and experience 164, and by baptism 75 Two houses of worship have been erected, one at Napa at a cost of $4,000, and one at Los Gatos at a cost of $6,000, both models of beauty and convenience. The Mission Churches above have raised over $300 for State work, and have spent $11,359 in improvements.

At Tulare, Rev. A. W. Webb has a Church organization which has grown since August, 1887, from eight members to thirty-two. They have acquired four lots 100x150 feet and a parsonage. They have no Church building. At Lakeport, Rev. Mr. Haycock is doing good work. He preaches at several out

stations and does the work of a colporteur. New interests have been started in San Jose, Santa Cruz, Oakland and San Francisco. At San Jose, Rev. Bunyan Spencer and his energetic, consecrated wife, have opened what is virtually a new work. The field is practically unoccupied by other denominations. They have been in the field two months. Their congregations have grown from twenty-five to seventy, with a Sunday School of seventy-five enrolled. Of that seventy-five just *one* is the child of Baptist parents. The school has been gathered by house to house visitation. This Church has no house of worship. They have a Mission near Wright's Station with a Sunday School of forty. At Santa Cruz a second Church has been organized some three miles distant from the First Church. In June it had eight members, now it has twenty-six. They have a neat chapel. In Oakland, a Portugese Sunday School has been opened.

In San Francisco a German Church, once in existence, has been resuscitated, and a Swedish Church has been organized, under the pastoral care of Rev. Mr. Nelson, Pastor of the Swedish Church, Oakland. Miss Lena Haegstrom, a young Swedish lady, has been at work in San Francisco, supported by the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of the West. She has visited from house to house, hunting out the Swedes and bringing them to the place of worship. Her's is a work only a woman can do, as many of the Swedish young women are servants in private families, and none but a woman can reach them.

The Swedish Church of Oakland has been wonderfully blessed, having grown from forty-seven members to eighty-five, while fourteen have been dismissed by letters, to the organization in San Francisco. The Hamilton Square Church, San Francisco, of which Rev. A. W. Runyan is the honored pastor, has been graciously blessed, and feels a new thrill of life, which will help to carry it far along in the hard work it has ahead of it.

Now a word about the needs of Central and Northern California, and when I utter the word *needs* my whole being is stirred with a kind of sickness. I can understand somewhat the feeling of the war-horse who scents the battle; can't you ? There are 88 towns of 500 and upwards without a Baptist Church. Twenty-six county-seats with no Baptist Church. Fifteen counties out of forty-six with no Baptist Church. San Francisco ! The half has not been told of her extremity !

If windows in Heaven were opened, then and only then might San Francisco be redeemed; and the windows of Heaven will be opened, perhaps in your time and mine, surely so if we do our duty as Baptists to this great and needy city. While God gives me breath I will never close my lips on the needs of San Francisco until San Francisco has no such needs. Woe to the one who cries "peace, peace," when there is no peace. Shame on the watchman who cries out "All's well," when the enemy is in the gates.

Dear sisters, there are no better people anywhere than the Baptists of San Francisco, but their needs are appalling. You will not surely look on and let them be crushed by a load of work which they cannot carry without your

financial help and your prayers. "This ye ought to do and not to have left the other undone."

IN MEMORIAM.

The Committee on Obituaries, being appointed so late and having no time to make a report, recommend that the resolutions concerning the death of our dear Sister, Mrs. E. F. Joy, which were published in the *Home Field*, be put on the records of the Society:

It hath pleased our Heavenly Father to call from among us a well beloved associate and sister, and our dear co-worker, Elizabeth Joy, has left the cares and trials of earth for a home in the brighter and better land. But we who knew and loved her here, deeply mourn her loss. Her earnest Christian life and unceasing effort for the right, inspired and encouraged us all to constant and persevering work, and we can but feel that one of the faithful has been taken away. Words are incompetent to express our feelings as our saddened hearts contemplate the fact that Sister Joy, no more on earth, will with ready hand and willing heart, aid in our work. But, although her presence has gone, her work and influence remain. Good deeds can never die. Let us cherish and imitate the grand example she gave us while here in life. Let us strive to follow in the footprints she has made along the pathway of Time, for they lead surely and safely to the heavenly land. Let us bear our crosses in love and faith, even as hers was borne, so that our end, like hers, may be one of confidence and trust in the Saviour; and so that those who speak of us may say, as we to-day in spirit and in truth can say of Sister Joy: "*Rest in Peace.*" "*Well done, thou good and faithful servant.*"

MRS. W. H. BARNES,
MRS. B. C. WRIGHT,
Memorial Committee.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

WHEREAS, In the past year it has pleased the Lord to bless our efforts in the Home Mission work, and to open new avenues to us for the coming year. Therefore,

Resolved, That we return to Him our heartfelt thanks for His grace, of which we have received without measure, and hereby anew consecrate to Him ourselves, our powers, only asking Him to use them for His own glory. Also

Resolved, We feel our thanks as a Society are due to our officers for their efficient self-sacrificing work for the Society and its advancement. Also,

Resolved, That we tender to the Home Mission Circle of the First Church, Sacramento, our thanks for their generous hospitality to the Society. Also,

Resolved, That we tender our thanks to the Trustees of the Presbyterian Church for kindly opening their church for our use; also, to Mrs. Howard and Miss Clinch for the delightful songs they favored us with.

DR. L. J. KELLOGG,
MRS. C. H. HOBART,
Committee.

The following resolution was offered by Mrs. P. W. Dorsey and unanimously adopted.

WHEREAS—The *Herald of Truth*, through its editor, Rev. J. H. Garnett, has offered the use of one column each month to the W. B. H. M. Society of California, and

WHEREAS, this column each month, will be an equivalent in reading matter of the *Home Field* and will reach more people than the *Home Field*, it renders the further publication of our paper unnecessary, therefore,

Resolved, That we accept the offer of Mr. Garnett and discontinue the *Home Field*.

ENROLLMENT COMMITTEE REPORT.

The Report of the Enrollment Committee was as follows:

First Church, San Francisco; Immanuel, San Francisco; Hamilton Square, San Francisco; First Church, Oakland; San Pablo Avenue, Oakland; Tenth Avenue, Oakland; Chinese Church, San Francisco; Alameda, Santa Ana, Chico, Stockton, Dixon, Willows; First Church, Sacramento; Calvary, Sacramento; Visitors, 15.

Words of encouragement were spoken by Mrs. Jennings, the newly elected Vice President, and by Miss L. Ella Miller; after which the meeting was closed with prayer by Mrs. Russell.

At the request of the ladies, an informal meeting was held Thursday, April 11th, in the vestry of the First Baptist Church. The meeting was opened by reading the ninety-first Psalm by Mrs. G. S. Bailey, of Pomona, and she also led in prayer, after which an informal meeting was held and participated in by a good number of ladies. An itemized report of the Treasurer was called for and listened to.

The Convention very kindly granted us an opportunity to present our work before that body and a short meeting was held Thursday afternoon.

Mrs. W. C. Spencer gave a synopsis of her report. Dr. L. F. Kellogg urged upon the sisters renewed energy in the work. Mrs. E. H. Gray spoke briefly in regard to a Training School for Women in connection with the proposed Theological Seminary. Respectfully submitted,

MRS. WM. C. SPENCER,
Secretary, pro tem.

Report of Corresponding Secretary.

In taking a retrospective glance over the work of the year, we find many things to encourage us. *Some* advance has been made; we do not stand just where we did a year ago; we have taken *higher* ground, and the prospect before us is *broader*, *clearer* and brighter.

The Bureau of Supplies has been, we trust, a source of blessing and comfort to many families. Its Superintendent, Mrs. S. C. Lillis, has been untiring in her efforts, and the work has grown.

One or two of the circles have been so encouraged in this work that they have sent two boxes or barrels. Many of the sisters from different circles have testified to the blessing they themselves have received while thus ministering to those whom the Master loves, and who are spending their lives in self-sacrificing labors for His cause.

During the past few weeks our Treasurer's heart has been made to rejoice by many generous donations from circles and individual members of the Society. Fees for several life-memberships have also been received.

We are thankful that the funds gathered into our treasury this year will not fall short of the sum received last year. This, in view of the fact that a new society has been formed by our sisters in Southern California, is truly encouraging. The money paid directly to our Treasurer, added to the value of supplies sent to our missionary pastors, will make the noble sum of more than $1,100.

Sisters, our work is growing; the Lord is opening doors of usefulness before us! Shall we not enter these open doors?

Dear sisters, scattered over the hills and valleys of California, in little groups of twos and threes, and tens and twenties, you are parts of a great whole; the parent society can no more do without you than you can do without the members of your own body. Will you not then, during the coming year, let there be constant communication between yourselves and the Corresponding Secretary?

I want to tell you, in confidence, that it has been very difficult to make out a report this year, because there has not been this necessary connecting link.

A division of labor in this regard means more than perhaps we think.

Should the Secretary of each local society promptly report to her Associational Secretary and each Associational Secretary faithfully correspond with the Secretary of the State Society, the work would become easy and a comprehensive knowledge of the whole field would become a delightful possibility.

Circles and bands have been formed or reorganized at the following places: Willows, St. Helena, Dixon, Napa and Alameda.

Our Society has assumed the responsibility of helping to support the work at Bakersfield, where Rev. J. C. Jordan, one of our very best pastors, has commenced labor. We have also decided to have a new officer—a General Secretary—whose duty it will be to look after the interest of the Society by correspondence, and by visiting conventions and associations, also by holding meetings with the circles or in any other way that it may be deemed necessary.

With these plans for extended usefulness and with renewed consecration of ourselves to our Master's service, may we not expect great things for the coming year?

Number of letters and postals written, 105.

Packages of Home Mission papers mailed, 40, besides a great many distributed in other ways.

Report or articles for papers, 6.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. C. SPENCER,
Corresponding Secretary.

Treasurer's Report for the Year Ending April 10th, 1889.

CHURCH CIRCLES.

First, San Francisco	$ 41 00
Membership Fees	6 00
Chico	17 45
First, Oakland	50 00
First, Lakeport	10 15
Santa Rosa	18 20
Tenth Avenue, Oakland	48 00
Woodland	2 50
Alameda	4 85
First, San Jose	3 50
Immanuel, San Francisco	8 00
Ceres	5 55
First, Fresno	7 00
Hamilton Square, San Francisco	14 25
Emanuel Church, San Jose	3 00
Dixon	3 00
Healdsburg	1 25
Receipts from Church Circles	$243 70

MISSION BANDS.

Golden Star, Willows	$10 00
Little Helpers, San Jose	5 00
Willing Workers, Tenth Avenue, Oakland	3 00
Infant Class, First Church, Oakland	4 00
Young Ladies, First Church, Oakland	9 00
King's Messengers, Chico	9 25
Receipts from Bands	$40 25

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS.

Mrs. Huddleston, San Francisco	$ 5 00
Mrs. Winfield Scott, Angel Island	5 00
Mrs. Davenport, Springville	2 00
Mrs. A. E. Gish	1 00
Unknown, Tenth Avenue, Oakland	4 00
Mrs. C. F. Davis, Petaluma	1 00
Mrs. John Todd, Rochester, N. Y.	1 00
Mrs. I. Eshleman, Fresno	100 00
Receipts from Contributions	$119 00

COLLECTIONS.

First Church, San Francisco	$ 7 60
Quarterly meeting, Hamilton Square Church, San Francisco	4 45
Tulare Association	4 35
Quarterly Meeting, Alameda	6 40
Central Association, Stockton	12 85
Quarterly Meeting, First Church, Oakland	9 12
Annual Meeting, Sacramento	6 25
Receipts from Collections	$51 02

LIFE MEMBERSHIPS.

MRS. C. H. HOBART, MRS. DR. BRADWAY,
MRS. J. HERNDON GARNETT, MRS. I. ESHLEMAN.

DISBURSEMENTS.

By cash sent to Deacon W. R. Strong, Treasurer of Convention	$397 91
To Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, for printing	27 57
To Mrs. Lawrence, for printing Minutes of Association	1 75
Total Disbursements	$427 23
Total Receipts	456 48
Total Disbursements	427 23
Balance in Treasury, April 10, 1889	$ 29 25

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. W. H. LATOURETTE, Treasurer.

This certifies that I have examined the above account and find it correct.

E. H. GRAY, Auditor.

April 11, 1889.

Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

GENERAL OFFICERS.

President—Mrs. R. L. W. Davis, 107 Ridley street, San Francisco.

Vice-President—Mrs. L. S. Jennings, San Francisco.

Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. C. H. Baker, Oakland.

Recording Secretary—Mrs. C. H. Hobart, 914, Sixteenth street, Oakland.

Treasurer—Mrs. W. H. Latourette, Alameda.

Auditor—Rev. E. H. Gray, Oakland.

ASSOCIATIONAL SECRETARIES.

Central Association—Mrs. A. J. Sturtevant, 842 Twenty-Ninth street, Oakland.

Sacramento River Association—Mrs. A. M. Russell, Willows, Colusa Co.

Clear Lake Association—Mrs. E. Starr, Lakeport, Lake Co.

Pacific Association—Mrs. T. B. Barnes, Dixon.

EXECUTIVE BOARD.

Mrs. R. L. W. Davis,
Miss Clara Hull,
Mrs. W. C. Spencer,
" N. S. Douglass
" W. H. Latourette,
" W. H. Barnes,
Miss A. Keyser,
Mrs. E. Kennedy,
" George Duncan,
" Valentine,
" J. Wilson,
" W. Z. King,
" H. E. Adams,
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" C. F. Davis,
" E. H. Gray,
" A. C. Darling,
" J. G. Ressiguie,
" J. R. Bradway,
Dr. L. J. Kellogg,
Mrs. W. T. Fleenor,
Miss Emily Pratt,
Mrs. E. Starr,
" D. Sawtelle,
" C. H. Hobart,
" W. Olney,
Mrs. L. S. Jennings.

Superintendent of Bureau of Supplies—Mrs. S. C. Lillis, Kingsburg, Fresno Co.

General Secretary—Mrs. J. W. Henry, Healdsburg, Sonoma Co.

CONSTITUTION.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called THE WOMAN'S BAPTIST HOME MISSION SOCIETY OF CALIFORNIA.

ARTICLE II. The object of this Society shall be to promote the work of Home Missions in California, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit in our homes and churches, and the collection of funds to aid in evangelization or co-operation with the General Baptist Convention of California.

ARTICLE III. Any woman may become an annual member of this Society by payment of one dollar per year to its funds, and a life member by the payment of ten dollars at any one time, or in installments during the year.

ARTICLE IV. The officers of this Society shall be a President, Vice-President, Recording Secretary, Corresponding Secretary, Treasurer, Auditor and an Associational Secretary for each Baptist Association in the State; all of whom shall be elected annually through nomination and a majority ballot vote. Presidents of Associational Societies shall be Vice-Presidents ex-officio of this Society.

ARTICLE V. This Society shall meet annually during the annual meeting of the State Convention, and at the same place; to hear official reports, elect officers for the ensuing year, and transact the proper business of the Society.

ARTICLE VI. The Executive Board shall have general direction and oversight of the interest of the work of the Society during the interval between the annual meetings. This Board shall consist of all the officers of the Society, and any member or members elected by said officers, and shall meet regularly for business the first Thursday in June, September, December and March, and at other times at the call of the President. Five members shall constitute a quorum.

ARTICLE VII. In the case of death or resignation of any of the officers or members of the Board, the Executive Board shall fill the vacancy until the next annual meeting.

ARTICLE VIII. Alterations may be made in this Constitution at any annual meeting by a vote of two-thirds of the members present, notice of such change having been given at the preceding annual meeting.

BY-LAWS.

1. Each meeting shall be opened with devotional exercises, and carried on in accordance with rules of order for organized assemblies.

2. It shall be the duty of the Recording Secretary to keep in a book the records of the proceedings of the Executive Board and the Society, to send notices of all meetings of the Board and Society, and to prepare the minutes for publication.

3. It shall be the duty of the Corresponding Secretary to cultivate the missionary spirit in our homes and churches, by correspondence, by reports, and by such other means as the Board may direct.

4. It shall be the duty of Associational Secretaries to seek to extend the work by organizing circles in each church in the Association, and working for their individual success; also to assist in the arrangements and make reports at the regular meetings of the Associational Society; conferring freely with the Corresponding Secretary, and receiving through her help, advice and direction from the Board of Directors. These Secretaries, as well as the Recording and Corresponding Secretaries, shall make annual reports to the Society.

5. The regular collections taken at public meetings of the Society shall constitute a printing fund for defraying the current expenses of the work.

6. The Treasurer shall receive, acknowledge and disburse the funds of the Society according to the direction of the Executive Board, keeping always an exact account, and shall make a quarterly report to the Board of the state of the treasury.

7. The Auditor shall examine the annual report of the Treasurer, and give a certificate of the situation to the Executive Board.

8. All circles contributing less than one dollar per member to the funds of the Society shall be allowed to send a delegate to the annual meeting, with full privileges of membership.

CONSTITUTION FOR LOCAL SOCIETIES.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the Woman's Home Mission Circle of the ——— Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its object shall be, by the cultivation of a missionary spirit and the contribution of money, to promote the work of missions in the State, through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any woman may become a member of this Circle, and thereby of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California, by contributing to its funds one dollar annually.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Vice-President, Secretary and Treasurer, and as many solicitors as may be necessary to make each member of the Church a contributor.

ART. V. Its meetings shall be held at such time and place as shall be designated by the Circle, and its exercises shall be arranged by the officers.

CONSTITUTION FOR MISSION BANDS.

ARTICLE I. This Society shall be called the———Mission Band of the ———Baptist Church.

ART. II. Its object shall be to develop an interest in the cause of Missions, and raise money for prosecuting missionary work in the State through the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.

ART. III. Any child under twelve years of age may become a member of this Mission Band, by the payment of twenty-five cents annually; over twelve, by the payment of fifty cents.

ART. IV. Its officers shall be a President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Lady Director, whose duties shall be those usually assigned to such offices.

ART. V. All moneys raised shall be forwarded to the Treasurer of the Woman's Baptist Home Mission Society of California.